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CONGRESS CALLED TO MEET APRIL 16; U.S. ARMS TRADERS

Arrangements Are Completed Secretly By Navy Department

SAIL IMMEDIATELY

Plans Withheld To Keep News From Reaching Germany

PRESIDENT IS ILL

Senate By Vote of 76 to 3 Changes Rules To Stop Filibuster

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson has convoked an extra session of Congress, on April 16, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive and to confirm his action in arming American merchantmen.

It is understood that a number of American merchantmen will sail for the submarine zones immediately. They will be armed by the Government and their names will not be published.

The decision to arm merchantmen followed on the opinions expressed by Secretary of State Lansing and Attorney-General Gregory, on the 9th.

The Government's plan of armed neutrality has been withheld, in order to avoid endangering American ships by permitting information to reach Germany. The only statement that could be obtained at White House and the Navy Department was that President Wilson is determined fully to protect American rights.

Long before the order was given from White House, the Navy Department had completed all the necessary arrangements to arm merchantmen, but Secretary of the Navy Daniels appealed to the press not to discuss the matter.

The Senate, by 76 votes to 3, has passed an amendment of its rules which gives two-thirds of the members power to closure a debate.

President Wilson is ill and may be in bed for several days.

The dissolution of the House of Representatives takes place on March 26 and the new election on May 5.

[Note: The last paragraph in the above is evidently a mistake. The present American House of Representatives was elected last November and took office on March 4. It has now been called to meet in special session on April 16. Our guess is that the despatch refers to an action take in some country other than the United States, the date line having been lost in transmission.]

Jettisoned Her Guns So Could Revictual

Dutch Gave British Armed Trader Half-Hour to Leave; Returned Minus Weapons

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 10.—The British armed merchantman Princess Melita (1,094 tons) recently arrived at the Hook of Holland for water and was ordered to leave within half-an-hour. The ship put out to sea, threw her armament overboard and returned and obtained the supplies she required.

NEW WUSIH COTTON MILL

Special Telegram to The China Press

Wusih, March 12.—The official opening of the Kwang Ching Cotton Mill here took place today at 11.30 a.m. The mill is organised by a number of Wusih and Shanghai merchants with a capital of $500,000. Mr. S. M. Yang is Managing Director of the mill and an American expert has been engaged to direct its work.

New U. S. Navy Censor

LIEUT. CHAS. BELKNAP JR.

Washington, February 8.—The new official censor of the United States navy, Lieutenant Charles Belknap, Jr., has started in on his duties at the Navy Department.

He is with Secretary of the Navy Daniels whenever that personage is interviewed by the newspaper men and has full powers to indicate what news shall be printed and what shall be withheld.

Ask for Fire Ordeal When Plot to Murder Premier Investigated

Indian Lawyer Proposes Women Walk On Hot Ploughshares; They Go to Jail

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—In the Lloyd George conspiracy trial, at the Old Bailey, Mrs. Wheeldon was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude, Alfred Mason to 7 years and Winnie Mason to 5 years, while the jury returned a verdict of not guilty against Harriet Wheeldon.

The Indian barrister, Mr. Riza, in his defence of the Wheeldons, dwelt on the failure of the prosecution to produce the Government agent known as Gordon. He then startled the Court by seriously suggesting that the prisoners should have trial by ordeal and walk over hot ploughshares, to prove their innocence.

The Judge, summing up, remarked that the employment of secret agents was one of the necessities of these times.

The jury were absent only twenty minutes.

WELLAND CANAL PLOT CLUE IN LOS ANGELES

Capt. Fritzen Is Charged With Complicity, Acting Under Von Papen's Orders

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Los Angeles, March 11.—The American police have arrested a German, named Captain Fritzen, on a charge of complicity in the plot to blow up the Welland Canal, in Canada, under instructions from Captain von Papen, the late German Military Attache at Washington.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kasuga M. Mar. 15
Per R.V.F. s.s. Penza.... Mar. 16
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru Mar. 17
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Fushimi M. Mar. 18
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Niigata M. Mar. 20
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M. Mar. 22

For U.S., Canada, and Europe:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Tamba M. Mar. 13
Per R.M.S. Emp. of Russia Mar. 17
Per T.K.K. s.s. Nippon M. Mar. 27

For Europe:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Miyazaki M. Mar. 23
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kitano M. Apr. 1

Bagdad Taken by British; Get Within Six Miles By Surprise Moonlight Rush

Rout of Turks Causes Their Collapse in Persia; Being Rushed Out by Three Muscovite Columns

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

New York, March 11.—An official communique issued in London announces that the British have captured Bagdad.

London, March 11.—An official despatch from Mesopotamia reports that Bagdad was occupied today.

An earlier official despatch reported: We, by surprise, crossed the Diala, by moon-light, on Thursday and established a strong post on the right bank. We bridged the Tigris, below its confluence with the Diala and a strong detachment of our troops marched up the right bank, found the enemy six miles south-west of Bagdad and drove them back two miles.

Battle in Violent Gale

We forced the passage of the Diala on Friday and advanced four miles towards Bagdad. Our forces on the right bank dislodged the enemy from their second positions and bivouacked on the ground they had captured, amid dust-storms and a violent gale.

We forced back the Turks for three miles west-south-west of Bagdad, on Saturday.

An earlier London message stated: The fact that General Maude's cavalry were only 14 miles from Bagdad on the 6th and were meeting with little opposition has led some experts to announce confidently that Bagdad is already in the hands of tht British, but more cautious critics point out that nothing yet has been disclosed concerning the whereabouts of General Maude's main army, which will will probably require time to develop larger movements, while the season of inundations is approaching.

Turks Collapse in Persia

The rout of the Turkish army, however, has already resulted in the collapse of the Turkish operations in Persia, out of which country they they are being pushed by three Russian columns. The Turkish armies are so scattered on distant adventures, at the behest of the Germans, that they are not likely to succeed in concentrating re-inforcements against General Maude.

An official despatch yesterday reported: Our gun-boats and cavalry discovered on Wednesday that the enemy were holding the line of the Diala River in some strength. We engaged the enemy on Thursday.

The enemy's position at Ctesiphon had been most carefully prepared and it is clear that the enemy intended to hold it. Its evacuation was probably due to our rapid advance from Affie.

Ottoman Forces Widely Separated

A Russian official communique shows that the withdrawal of the Turks in Persia is not limited to the routes to Bagdad, but extends farther north. The strength of the forces is not great and the distances between the columns enormous.

For example, Sakiz, 80 miles from Sinai, where another force is retreating, is 160 miles from Hamadan. The Russian troops pursuing the Turks have now covered half the distance to the frontier.

S.S. Ecuador Refloated, Sails for Manila Today

Lighters Remove Part of Cargo And Tugs and Tide Do The Rest

The P. M. s.s. Ecuador, on her way from San Francisco to Shanghai with 70 first-class passengers, 991 bags of mail and gold bullion to the value of $2,000,000, ran aground on the mud flat near the Tungsha Light, about 45 miles from Woosung, at 1.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, at which time she was in charge of a local pilot.

The agents of the Pacific Mail on receiving the information immediately made arrangements with the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., which sent out the large tugs Alexandra, Victoria and Vulcan to the rescue, together with a number of lighters.

Meanwhile the tender Victoria brought to Shanghai all the passengers destined for this port, of whom there were 38.

After about a thousand tons of cargo had been taken from the Ecuador the ship was refloated, and with the help of the tugs pulled off the mud at 12.45 p.m. yesterday. She is now anchored at Woosung, none the worse for the incident.

She is scheduled to leave Woosung at 3 p.m. this afternoon for Manila.

The Ecuador is a large and well appointed passenger boat of 14,000 tons. She is a sister-ship of the Venezuela and the Colombia, which also operate on this line.

Among the prominent persons landing from the Ecuador was Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, former dean of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University. Doctor Bailey is one of the foremost authorities on agriculture in the world. He is the author of several books. He retired from his position of dean three years ago and has since been writing on agricultural subjects. He is here on a trip of research, which will be combined with pleasure. Dr. Bailey's daughter is the wife of Professor Sailor of St. John's College. After a month, Dr. Bailey will return to Japan for the cherry blossom season. Dr. Bailey is accompanied by Mrs. Bailey and Miss Ethel Z. Bailey, their daughter.

Mr. G. H. Carnahan, president of the Inter-Continental Rubber Company of New York City, is *en route* to Singapore. He is accompanied by Mr. Orlj Magnee, a Hollander interested in his company, and Mr. J. H. Legendre, Mr. Carnahan's secretary. The three men will spend some time in Singapore and vicinity on a trip of inspection.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Macgrath of Shanghai arrived after spending a vacation in the United States.

Germans Who Scuttled s.s. Lichtenfels Jailed

Eight Officers Are Sentenced To Year's Imprisonment And Fined G.$500

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Florence, South Carolina, March 9.—Eight officers of the German steamer Lichtenfels, which was sunk in Charleston harbor, on January 31, have been sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a fine of G.$500, for scuttling her.

Blank Peace, Count Andrassy Predicts As Result of War

To End by General Exhaustion In Germany's Favor, She Being 'More Intelligent'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

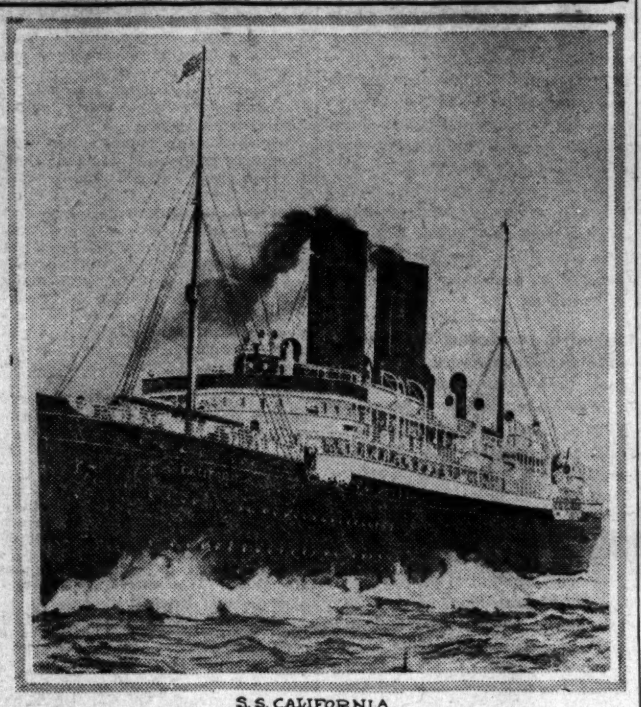
Paris, March 10.—A remarkable interview with the former Hungarian Premier, Count Andrassy, is published in Le Matin. He expressed the opinion that the war will end through general exhaustion and the terms of peace will be dictated by the cleverer belligerent. He asserted, in this connection, that the Central Powers are more intelligent than the Entente.

He declared that Germany has two aims. Firstly, the uniting of Central Europe and the East and, secondly, to become the dominant world Power.

The first aim would be attained in the present war, but, in order to achieve the second, Great Britain must be defeated. In this connection, he said that he doubted the success of submarine warfare and expressed the opinion that other and slower means must be employed.

Count Andrassy declared that there would be a blank peace, without formal annexation or indemnities, but he emphasised that it is necessary for the Central Powers to control Poland and Lithuania, militarily and economically, as a barrier against Russia, whose power must ultimately be broken before Germany's world-policy and plans of supremacy in the East could be fully realised.

S.S. California Which Was Torpedoed



S.S. CALIFORNIA.

This big Anchor Line vessel was torpedoed without warning on February 7 off the coast of Ireland.

RESIGNATION OF TISZA CONSIDERED IMMINENT

Coalition Cabinet for Hungary Probable; Emperor Hurries Back to Capital

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 11.—The Vienna correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Emperor Charles suddenly broke off his stay at Budapest and his visit to the south of Hungary and returned to Vienna. The resignation of the Hungarian Premier, Count Tisza, and the formation of a Coalition Cabinet is expected.

U.S. and Japan Will Finance New Five-Power Loan to China

Tokio, March 10.— The London Conference held on March 2 of the five nations financial group decided that the sum of the second reorganisation loan to China shall be Yen 100,000,000 and the Japanese and the American groups will pay out Yen 50,000,000 respectively. The security will be the surplus of salt gabelle and a portion of land tax of China.

The loan of Yen 12,000,000 for the dredging of the canals in China has been signed to be financed by Japan and American financiers.

Blame Is on Greece If Blockade Remains

Lloyd George's Answer to Protest; Hasn't been Raised Because of 'Incidents'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Athens, March 10.—Mr. Lloyd George, in reply to a protest made by the Athenian Bar against the blockade, says that the raising of the blockade depends on the fulfilment of the demands made by the Allies. It would have already been raised, if incidents against the Allies had not occurred.

No Definite Limits To National Service

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—It is now stated that volunteering for National Service will not end on March 31, but will be continued indefinitely and compulsion will only be applied as a last resource.

New York Is Sharing In Canada War Loan

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Ottawa, March 10.—A new Canadian war loan for £30,000,000 has been issued in Canada and New York. It bears interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, is issued at 96 and is redeemable in 1937.

30 MEN MISSING FROM SUNKEN RELIEF BOAT

Storstad, Submarine's Victim, Was Vessel Which Rammed Empress of Ireland

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—The Cork correspondent of Lloyd's News reports that the Belgian Relief Commission's steamer Storstad (6,028 tons), from Buenos Aires, was sunk by a submarine, in daylight. Thirteen of the crew have been landed, including an American. Two boats, containing thirty men, are missing.

The survivors endured 36 hours' exposure in a stormy sea and the fourth engineer died. The submarine refused to tow the boats, which it shelled.

It was the s.s. Storstad which collided with the s.s. Empress of Ireland, in the St. Lawrence River, on May 29, 1914.

Santiago Recaptured By Government Force

Consider Cuban Revolt Ended Now Rebels' Stronghold Has been Reduced

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 10.—An official communique issued by the Navy Department states that the forces of the Cuban Government have regained possession of the rebel stronghold of Santiago, which is regarded as marking the collapse of the revolution.

Hope Standard Boats Will Defeat Blockade

Wooden Ship Builders Called To Conference With U.S. Shipping Board

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, March 9.—Builders of wooden ships in the United States have been summoned to a conference with the Shipping Board, on the 14th, with a view to building as speedily as possible a large fleet of standardised ships for the trans-Atlantic trade. It is hoped thus to materially defeat the submarine blockade.

SUN'S MESSAGE UNPOPULAR

Peking, March 11.—(Eastern News Agency). The telegram sent by Dr. Sun Yat-sen to Lloyd George opposing China joining the side of the Entente Powers is very unpopular among diplomatic circles in Peking.

The Weather

Intermittent mist and rain. The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 53.4 and the minimum 46.9, the figures for the corresponding day last year being respectively 51.3 and 44.4.

PARLIAMENT VOTE IS OVERWHELMING FOR GERMAN BREAK

Rupture Of Diplomatic Relations Authorized By Both Houses

TUAN FOR SPEED

Presidential Mandate Likely To Be Issued Today

ALLIES NEGOTIATE

Lu Cheng-hsiang Named To Confer On Further Steps

Special Cable to The China Press

Peking, March 12.—Both Houses of Parliament have passed the Cabinet's foreign policy for breaking diplomatic relations with Germany.

Telegrams from Sun Yat-sen, Tong Shao-yi and Wen Chung-yao came too late to influence the Cabinet's decision.

A break with Germany and possibly with Austria will be promulgated by Presidential Mandate, today or tomorrow, as Premier Tuan desires prompt action.

General Li Lieh-chun is opposed to China breaking with Germany, predicting a fourth revolution in China if she be drawn into the world war.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang's resignation has again been rejected by the President.

Senate Approves Policy Of Cabinet By 158 to 37

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Peking, March 11.—The Senate, at an extraordinary secret session, held today, approved the policy of the Government by 158 votes to 37.

The Premier and all the members of the Cabinet, except Dr. Wu Ting-fang, who was represented by his son, Wu Chao-chu, yesterday afternoon, attended a secret session of the House of Representatives, to report on the diplomatic policy of the Government. Members opposing it asked Premier Tuan Chi-jui numerous questions, until a motion was introduced to express the opinion of the House by a vote.

The pro-German element then attempted to create a disturbance, but were suppressed and the vote taken, with the result that 331 members voted in favor of and 87 against the policy of the Government, including a rupture of relations with Germany.

Meanwhile, the Premier went to the Senate and made a similar report, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the debate was adjourned till today.

The Government has decided to appoint Lu Cheng-hsiang, ex-Minister for Foreign Affairs, as a special delegate to conduct the negotiations with the Entente Ministers in connection with China joining the Entente, which Lu Cheng-hsiang has hitherto been doing informally.

Germany Answers Note

The German reply to the protest handed to the German Minister on February 9 was delivered to the Chinese Government late on Saturday evening. It read as follows:—

"By the instructions of my home Government, which reached me at 7 o'clock on the 10th, I beg to forward you the following reply to China's protest to the latest blockade policy of Germany.

"'The Imperial German Government expresses great surprise at the threat used by the Government of the Republic of China in its note of protest. Many other countries have also protested, but China, which has been on friendly relations with Germany, is the only State which has added a threat to its protest.

"'The surprise of the Imperial German Government is doubly great, because China has no shipping interests in the blockaded zones and will not suffer thereby. The Chinese Government mentions that loss of life of Chinese citizens has occurred as a

result of the present method of war. The German Government wishes to point out that the Chinese Government has never communicated with the Imperial Government regarding a single case of this kind, nor has it made protest on this matter before.

"'According to the reports received by the Imperial Government, such losses as have been actually sustained by Chinese subjects have occurred in the firing line, while they were engaged in digging trenches and other war service. They thus were exposed to the dangers inevitable to all the forces engaged in the war. Germany has several times protested against the employment of Chinese subjects for warlike purposes, which is evidence that the Imperial Government has given excellent proof of its friendly feelings towards China.

Willing to Forget Threat

"'In consideration of these friendly relations, the Imperial Government is willing to treat the matter as if the threat had never been uttered. It is reasonable for the Imperial Government to expect that the Chinese Government will revise its views respecting this question.

"'Germany's enemies were the first to declare the blockade of Germany and the same is being persistently carried out and, therefore, it is difficult for Germany to cancel her blockade policy. The Imperial Government, nevertheless, is willing to comply with the wishes of the Chinese Government, by opening negotiations to arrive at a plan for the protection of Chinese life and property and the utmost regard will be given to Chinese shipping rights.

"'The reason which has prompted the Imperial Government to adopt this conciliatory policy is the knowledge that, once diplomatic relations have been severed with Germany, China will not only lose a truly good friend, but will also be entangled with unthinkable difficulties.

"'In forwarding Your Excellency the above instructions from my home Government, I also beg to state that, if the Government of China is willing, I am empowered to open negotiations for the protection of the shipping rights of China. (Signed) von Hintze, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of The Imperial German Government.'"

Detain Salt Surplus

The Chinese newspapers report that the Deutsche-Asiatische Bank has notified the Government that last month's salt revenue, amounting to some $700,000, deposited with the bank, will be withheld, in order to make good all obligations of the Government to Germans. The Government has not yet replied.

The police have been ordered to prohibit the distribution of seditious pamphlets concerning the diplomatic crisis. Two arrests were made yesterday.

Yesterday evening, Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang entertained the members of the Cabinet. He left for Nanking, this morning, by special train.

Szechuen Favors Rupture

Chengtu, March 10.—At a private meeting of the members of the Provincial Assembly, the majority favored a rupture of relations with Germany.

Get Report From Berlin

Paris, March 10.—The German paper Munchner Nachrichten, on the 9th, published the following telegram from Berlin: "The Chinese Embassy in Berlin has addressed lately to its Government a detailed report on our military, maritime and economical situation and we may hope that his account will not fail to have influence in Peking and, added to the efforts of our Ambassador, will considerably contribute to maintain Chinese neutrality." Without doubt, Chinese statesmen are too sound critics to take the report from Berlin without a grain of salt.

To Hold Secret Meeting In Presidential Palace

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Peking, March 12.—According to the Peking Jih-pao, a secret meeting will take place today, in the Presidential Palace, at which the question of the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany will be discussed. Lu Cheng-hsiang and Liang Chi-chiao will be present at this meeting.

Yesterday morning, Liang Chi-chiao called on the President, in order to discuss the measures to be taken on the Sino-German question.

Hankow, March 10.—More than 200 members of the gentry from Shantung sent a telegraphic protest, yesterday, to both Houses of Parliament, against the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. Local members of the gentry from Kiangsu and Kiangsi today telegraphed an identical protest to Peking.

Changsha, March 10.—The Military Governor of Hunan has declined a request for support which was despatched by the Premier to all the Provinces, stating that the interests of the country should be placed above all party interests. The local Republican Party has telegraphed to both Houses of Parliament that they should unanimously and with all their power maintain China's neutrality.

Canton, March 10.—The leading Chinese papers violently attack Premier Tuan and demand his resignation, because he made capital out of China's position and betrayed the President.

Regulations Governing Severance

The Sinwanpao reports:—The Committee on Foreign Affairs has drawn up a set of regulations to be carried out after China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany. The main points therein may be summarized as follows:

1.—After the rupture with Germany, Chinese neutrality will still be in force.

2.—China shall not treat Germany as a hostile nation.

3.—The German Minister at Peking shall be conveyed to Shanghai, whence he will sail on board a neutral steamer for his own home.

4.—All German consuls and military officers in China are ordered to leave China at once, while other civilians may be allowed to remain without molestation.

5.—German teachers in the Chinese government service are allowed to continue in their respective engagements.

6.—The Deutsche-Asiatische Bank is allowed to continue its business in China.

7.—China will not take over the German Concessions until after the declaration of war against Germany.

8.—China will postpone its payment of the German part of the Boxer Indemnity.

9.—All German ships anchored in Chinese waters are to be interned pro tem.

10.—The Chinese Minister in Berlin will be transferred to Denmark.

The above regulations have been passed by the Cabinet, and will be promulgated and enforced by a Presidential mandate as soon as the rupture with Germany is formally declared.

ROSENSTOCK'S DIRECTORY

Rosenstock's Gazetteer and Commercial Directory for 1917 has just been issued, and it reflects great credit on the publishers for the up to date manner in which it is gotten out.

In the space taken for General Information appears a considerable amount of data of special interest and value to business men, and this is supplemented by an abridged history of China.

The directory itself covers extensively all the treaty ports of China, and special attention appears to have been given to the outports.

FRENCH'S SISTER SLAIN

Hit By Shell Whilst Directing Ambulance at Monastir

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Salonica, March 10.—Mrs. Harley, a sister of Lord French, has been killed by a shell, while in charge of a motor-ambulance at Monastir.

NO SILK TO GERMANY

Tokio, March 11.—The British Government has notified the Japanese Government that with a view to preventing silk entering the enemy's country, imports of silk, waste silk, all kinds of undyed silk, pongee, Japanese silk and similar textiles to Holland, Sweden and Norway will be prohibited.

Haig's Army Captures Irles Advancing On Three Miles

Charge German Reports Of Somme Horrors Exaggerated; British Still Well Off For Transport

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported on Friday evening: Yesterday evening, the enemy launched five raids against our trenches northward of Wulverghem and again attacked this morning, with four parties. Only one party in each case reached our trenches.

The enemy left some prisoners in our hands. Twenty to thirty British soldiers are missing.

We raided the enemy's first line, southward of Biaches, damaged their dug-outs and inflicted many casualties.

Sir Douglas Haig reported yesterday evening: We attacked and captured the village of Irles and the neighboring defences. Our advance extends over a front of three miles.

A considerable number of prisoners have been taken—over 100 have already been counted. We captured four trench-mortars and fifteen machine-guns. Our casualties were slight.

Our aerial patrol, yesterday, was heavily engaged by a strong hostile formation.

Crush German Attacks

Sir Douglas Haig reported this evening: We took a total of 292 prisoners at Irles. Our artillery crushed the attempts of the enemy to attack west and north-west of Lens.

Artillery was active at the Somme, the Ancre, Armentieres, Ypres and southward of Arras.

(By wireless).—A German official communique reports: There has been infantry fighting at Irles, in the region of the Ancre. Our rearguards withdrew to our main position.

French attacks between the Avre and the Oise were unsuccessful. We repulsed, with sanguinary losses, renewed attacks made by the French against Hill 185 and on both sides of Champagne Farm.

We repulsed attacks made by the French near Baucourt, southward of Crapeau-Mesnil. Russian troops, led by French officers, penetrated our lines on both sides of Prosnes. Our counter-attack ejected them.

The positions westward of Champagne-Ufe several times changed hands, with the result that there was no important change in the situation. We took 55 prisoners.

Detachments of our troops forced their way into Caurieres Wood and took 206 prisoners. The remainder of the garrison fled.

The prisoners taken at Magyros total. 1,004.

French Capture Salient

Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring from the Champagne, yesterday, describes the re-capture of the salient mentioned in the official French communique of the 8th. He states that the German success on February 14 left them in possession of a long crest overlooking the French lines. This was strengthened by two powerful forts, bristling with machine-guns.

When the French attack began, the weather intervened most unexpectedly on behalf of the Boches and the heaviest snow-storm of the winter and a gale blowing like a blizzard hampered the French gunners. There was a foot of snow on the ground when the French infantry emerged from the bottom of a ravine at the foot of the crest held by the Germans and started to cross the 200 yards of heavily trenched ground to the first German line.

Here the occasional flash of a grenade showed that the bomb-throwers were busy clearing out the dug-outs. The Germans surrendered readily and, within half-an-hour, Frenchmen were visible on the top of the crest, having progressed 500 yards in the center and 300 yards on the flanks and secured the powerful works and a number of prisoners.

Defeat Teuton Counter-Attack

The French continued to advance for a further 300 yards, when the roar of re-awakened artillery announced that the German counter-attack was developing. The enemy pushed through the barrage and engaged the French at close-quarters, but were driven off, after a desperate fight, principally with bombs.

Reuter's correspondent says the Germans are enormously exaggerating the discomforts of the Somme, in order to prove that the continuance of the Allies' offensive in the region of the Somme is impossible. The truth is that No Man's Land in the Somme region is a desert of mud. The villages have been blown to smithereens, but there are plenty of roads to the front-line trenches and busy railways in the rear.

We shall soon know whether fighting is to be resumed on the Somme front, south of which the British line has now been extended.

The French army was never so strong. At Verdun, on December 15, the French infantry performed the finest piece of infantry work seen in this war and the Germans must oppose such men and methods with something more than the improved war-material on which they seem chiefly to rely.

Wreck Roye Trenches

Paris, March 11.—The official communique issued on Friday evening reported: We entered and wrecked the enemy's trenches at several points south of Roye.

The Germans made three furious counter-attacks against the positions we captured yesterday in the sector of Maisons de Champagne. Our curtain and maxim fire everywhere shattered the efforts of the enemy, who were obliged to retire, leaving numerous dead.

We made progress during the day and captured fresh trenches north of the Butte-de-Mesnil to Maisons-de-Champagne road. We took 170 prisoners in this region.

The communique yesterday afternoon reported: In the Champagne, there has been obstinate fighting the whole night long, at some points between Butte-de-Mesnil and Maisons-de-Champagne. The Germans made several attempts to re-capture the trenches we took in the west of that sector, but, after alternate advances and retirements, we finally beat back the enemy and made some progress.

On the right of the sector, our fire smashed up the German attacks. We maintained all our positions.

Regain Caurieres Positions

On the right bank of the Meuse, the Germans again attacked the trenches re-taken by us, north of Caurieres Wood, but our immediate counter-attacks drove the enemy from some portions of the trenches they succeeded in entering. We carried out several *coups-de-main*, south of the Avre, notably at Armancourt, where our detachments penetrated the third German trench.

The communique in the evening reported: There has been a severe artillery duel in the Champagne, but no infantry action. There has been an intermittent cannonade elsewhere on our front.

The communique this afternoon reported: We carried out several successful *coups-de-main* against the German trenches in the regions of Lassingy, Canny-sur-Metz and north of Bois-du-Jury, in Woevre. We captured some prisoners and a machine-gun.

There has been a considerable reciprocal artillery action in the sector of Maisons-de-Champagne. An attempt made by the enemy against small posts in the region of Largitzen, in Alsace, failed.

The communique in the evening reported: There have been very lively reciprocal artillery actions, north of the Aisne. *Coups-de-main* attempted by the enemy, north-west of Rheims and on the right of the Meuse, failed completely

Significant Success

The French success in the Champagne, though purely local, is very significant, as only a narrow strip of ground is left now in the hands of the Germans, forming an exposed salient into the French lines.

The French advance substantially wipes out the German movement on February 15, between Butte-de-Mesnil and Maisons-de-Champagne, which appeared for some time to be the inauguration of a big German effort in the Champagne, similar to the one made in 1916 against Verdun. The Germans seemed at that time to be ready to pay a heavy price for victory and, reckless of their losses, plunged forward into the Allied lines. By the French reply, they have lost all that they gained.

The brilliancy of the advance of the French troops was intensified by the fact that it was executed in a tempestuous snow-storm. Our soldiers had their footsteps clogged by the snow, but went forward with such ardor that the Germans were forced out of their strong positions. The significance of our stroke is shown by the desperate attempts which are being made by the Imperial troops to repair the loss.

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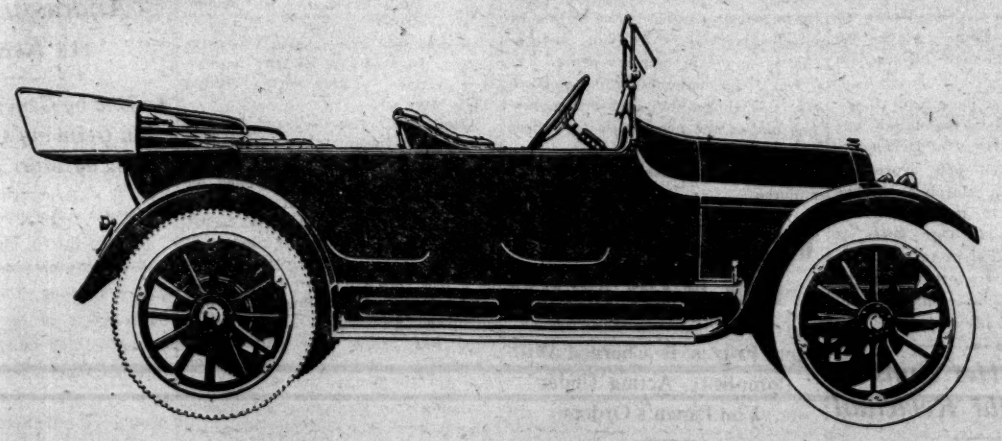

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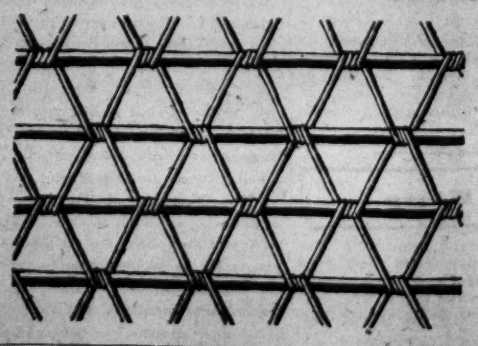

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Problem Not Yet Satisfactorily Solved; Seas Mined From Cape to Colombo

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 8.—Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the Aldwych Club, today, said that they had not yet satisfactorily solved the submarine problem. The situation threatened the people's food and more drastic restrictions of imports are pending, but they would stick it through to the end, no matter what Germany did. He mentioned that the Germans had laid mines as far apart as the Cape of Good Hope and Colombo.

The Financial Times, commenting on Sir Edward Carson's speech, says that certain known facts prove that the situation is not so grave as pessimists declare. For instance, the imports of meat into the United Kingdom during the week ending March 3 were more than double those of the corresponding week last year. The imports of dairy produce were also larger.

RUSSIAN BULLETINS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 11.—A Russian official communique yesterday reported: North-westward of Okna, our troops are counter-attacking, to regain the lost heights.

We attacked the Turks, westward of Numichkany, demolished their works and took 53 prisoners. We took possession of the town of Senne, in the direction of Bidjar.

One of our submarines sank a large steamer, in the neighborhood of the Bosphorus.

A communique today reported:—We made a gas attack, south-east of Tukum and eastwards of the Mitau road.

We repelled an attempted offensive made by the Turks, on the Sevas Road, in the Caucasus.

As the result of the fighting in the region of Hamadan, we occupied Sakhne and pursued the enemy, after a stubborn resistance, towards Bisutun.

BERNSTORFF IN NORWAY

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 10.—Count Bernstorff has arrived at Christiania.

PROMISE REGULAR PAY

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Chengtu, March 10.—Henceforth, the Government intends to pay the troops monthly, to prevent dis-satisfaction. The embargo on the export of silver from Szechuen is now removed.

Give French Cabinet Confidence Vote In Food Supply Debate

'Germany Starving' But Allies Impressed with Necessity Of Economising Wheat

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, March 9.—The Chamber of Deputies, today, by 296 votes to one, passed a vote of confidence in the Government, following a three days' debate on the question of food-supplies, in which the chairman of the Agricultural Committee emphasised the necessity for the Allies and neutrals to economise wheat, or largely to substitute other cereals. He said that experts estimated the wheat deficit in France for 1917 at 130,000,000 bushels and the deficit of over-seas supplies for France's allies and neutrals is estimated at 200,000,000 bushels.

Minister Herriot, replying to questions, defended the measures for food restriction and forecasted the issue of bread and milk tickets. He declared that the economic factor will prove equally important to the military one in deciding the war. "Germany is starving and is making a last effort to escape inevitable doom."

The vote of confidence, on which the opponents of the Government abstained from voting, has not allayed the agitation which the Premier has declared to be interfering with the labors of the Government and, therefore, a grand debate on the general policy of the Cabinet is probable, to enable the Chamber of Deputies clearly to define its attitude.

AWARD TWO MORE V.Cs.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 10.—Captain S. W. Murray, D.S.O., of the Australian Infantry and Sergeant E. J. Mott, of the Border Regiment, have been awarded Victoria Crosses.

Captain S. W. Murray displayed most conspicuous bravery when he led his company, which assaulted and captured a position and repulsed heavy counter-attacks during the night. He encouraged his men in a magnificent manner, headed bombing parties, led bayonet charges and carried out the wounded.

Sergeant E. J. Mott displayed most conspicuous bravery and ensured the success of an attack when it was held up by machine-guns. Although wounded in the eye, he struggled with and overcame a gunner and captured a machine-gun.

NEW INDIAN JUDGE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—The King has approved the appointment of Nawab Saiyad Sir Shamsulhuoa as Puisne Judge of the High Court of Calcutta, in succession to His Honor Digambar Chatterhee.

Obituary

Mrs. Catherine Louisa Rea

A very large gathering of friends and relatives attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Louisa Rea, at the Bubbling Well Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Rev. C. E. Darwent conducted the service. The chief mourners were:—Captain G. B. Rea, Mrs. J. Inch, and Captain J. Inch. By special request, no flowers were sent. Owing to cremation, there were no pallbearers.

Chief Engineer J. M. Dawson

At Swatow on the 10th inst. the death occurred of Mr. John M. Dawson, Chief Engineer of the Indo-China steamer Kwongsang. The deceased, who was 49 years of age, came out to the Far East in April, 1898, and served in several of the Ewo coasting boats. Eighteen months ago his health began to fail and he went home on leave. He returned here in April of last year and joined the Kwongsang, but it was then apparent that he had not fully recovered from his complaint, which was asthma. On the 26th of last month he left here for Swatow, Hongkong and Canton, but had to be taken ashore at Swatow, where, as stated above, he died last Saturday. The deceased, who was unmarried, was a native of Scotland. On the news being received of his death the Ewo flag was lowered to half-mast.

Mr. Guthrie's Funeral

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Tokio, March 11.—The funeral of Mr. George W. Guthrie, the American Ambassador, will take place on the 13th.

SETTLE MUKDEN QUARREL

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, March 11.—Chao Erh-hsun, who was recently sent to Mukden, to settle the quarrel between the Tuchun and the military officers, has returned to Peking and reported that he has arranged a compromise between the contending parties.

SALT OFFICE TRANSFERS

Mr. C. Campo Chu, Assistant District Inspector of the Salt Revenue, who has for the past eighteen months been located at Taichow, has been transferred to Shirerhuei. Mr. Chu has been succeeded by Mr. F. T. Chien of Fungtein. Mr. Chu was very popular in Taichow and received quite a number of social favors before his departure.

U.S. Court for China

In re Last Will and Testament of Cornelia Leavenworth Bonnell, deceased, in which the point was involved of the will being unsigned, Judge Lobingier held as follows:

There is presented for probate in this proceeding an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of the above named deceased. The instrument is a printed form with blanks filled in and seems to be regular except that the signature of the testator does not appear at the end. Instead, however, the last clause reads as follows:

"In Witness Whereof, I, the said Cornelia Leavenworth Bonnell have to this my Last Will and Testament set my hand the Fourth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One."

According to the testimony the name was inserted in said clause by the testator herself. It further appears that the blank was procured at her request by one of the witnesses, that she asked them to attest it, and showed her intention to make it her will. The question arises whether its validity is affected by the position of the signature. On this point the law is stated in a work of recognised authority as follows:

"Where the statute relating to signing requires no more than the statute of frauds—merely when the will shall be in writing and be signed, it is immaterial where the testator's signature was placed, if it was placed there with the intention of authenticating the instrument."

Accordingly it has been held that a will is not invalid even though the signature of the testator appears only at the beginning or in or after the attestation clause.

Acts of Parliament and of certain American States legislatures require the signature of the testator to appear at the end of the will; but no such legislation is in force here, the Acts of Congress merely providing that the instrument be "signed by the testator" or under his direction. In the absence of a more stringent requirement we hold sufficient the signature to the instrument before us.

II.

Another question arises from the fact that the one named in the will as executrix is also a subscribing witness. She is not, however, a beneficiary under the instrument nor does it appear that she is to receive any compensation as executrix. In such cases the almost uniform current of authority is to the effect that the same person may be both subscribing witness and executor. In Massachusetts it is held that the executor is not a competent witness after accepting the trust but that the will is not invalidated by his previous attestation.

But while the informalities above mentioned are not fatal we are far from commending them as examples to be followed and, in view of many such defects in similar instruments presented to this Court for probate, we feel constrained to call the attention of our nationals generally to the importance of greater care in such matters. From a legal standpoint the execution of a will is one of the most important acts in the course of one's life. For not only does it dispose of the accumulations of a lifetime but its consequences may reach far beyond and affect the title to property and the interests of individuals for an indefinite period. Necessarily too, the technical requirements are matters of expert knowledge and only those possessing it should be entrusted with the task of drafting such instruments.

We find from the evidence:

1.—That Cornelia Leavenworth Bonnell died on October 12, 1916, at Shanghai, China, where she had long resided but that she was a citizen of the United States.

2.—That she left property appearing to be of greater value than $500 U. S. currency.

3.—That the instrument attached to the petition is her last will and testament and entitled to probate as such.

It is accordingly admitted to probate and Letters Testamentary are directed to issue to the party named therein as executrix, upon her taking the oath and executing a proper bond in double the value of the assets as required by law, but with the condition that, having been a witness to the will she shall receive no compensation for her services as executrix.

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LI. GEORGE FACED WITH POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT

All Rests with Asquith's Following in Debate Tomorrow On Indian Duties

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 10.—In the House of Commons, on Thursday, Mr. A. Bonar Law announced that a discussion of the Indian import duties would take place on the 14th, on the resolution which would be brought forward authorising the grant of £100,000,000 from India.

The Lobby correspondent of the Daily News says that the Lloyd George Government will either be defeated or saved by the followers of Mr. Asquith, on the 14th, when the Lancashire members of the House of Commons will move an amendment opposing the Indian import duties on cotton-goods. The Labor members and the Nationalists will oppose the Government, while some Conservatives and Liberals will abstain from voting.

The followers of Mr. Asquith are still undecided on what action they will take, but fifty Liberals may support Mr. Lloyd George.

Business on the Manchester Royal Exchange was suspended for a few minutes, yesterday, for the purpose of passing a resolution regarding the Indian import duties. Sir Arthur Haworth, President of the Royal Exchange, said that, in answer to a request from all the Chambers of Commerce in Lancashire, the directors of the Royal Exchange had consented to establish a precedent by submitting a resolution to the members, namely:

"That the Royal Exchange, while applauding the action of the Raj in raising a war loan of £100,000,000, strongly protests against the proposed increase in import duties, without a corresponding increase in the excise and urges the Imperial Government to take immediate steps to postpone such a controversial measure until after the war, or until the fiscal policy of the Empire has been considered and decided by an imperial Conference, as proposed by Sir William Meyer, on March 1, 1916, and confirmed by a Bill on March 7, 1916."

A show of hands was taken and the President announced that the resolution had been carried by 4,500 votes against 10.

NATIONALIST MANIFESTO IS SENT TO MR. WILSON

Comment in Britain Is Limited; Imperial Aspect Is Paid Most Attention To

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—Copies of the manifesto issued by the Nationalist Party are being sent to President Wilson and the Premiers of the Dominions.

The Daily News and Daily Telegraph alone comment on the Irish debate in the House of Commons. Both emphasise the imperial aspect of the question.

The Daily Telegraph remarks that, until it is known whether statesmen in the Dominions will accept the responsibility, it is useless to further explore the suggestion made by Mr. Asquith.

The Daily News says that resolute military government of Ireland is now starkly impossible, as the solution of the problem, for the Dominions will not permit it. The problem of Home Rule must be in the forefront of the organisation of the Empire after the war.

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ITALY CLOSELY GUARDED FROM U-BOAT ATTACKS

Besides Coast Works, Sixty Per Cent of Merchantmen Have Now Been Armed

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, March 11.—In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, the Minister of Marine detailed the measures taken by Italy against submarines, including the arming of numerous places on the coast, the organisation of coastguards, barriers and other defensive works. He said that the depth of the seas precluded the employment of nets.

With regard to methods of chasing submarines, he stated that 200 small craft have been employed in the Otranto Channel for months and numerous aeroplane squadrons and small air-ships are employed.

The demand for the armament of merchantmen was very great and, already, over a thousand guns have been used and sixty per cent of Italian ships are armed, while several hundred wireless systems have been installed on ships. The system of signalling by wireless and aeroplanes has been very successful and the large number of sailings and arrivals showed that the measures taken by the Italian Government had not been in vain.

Tell Cruelties Kut Prisoners Suffered

Hungry and Ill-Treated, Driven 1,000 Miles to 'Unspeakable Life in Detention Camp

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—A correspondent of The Times gives particulars of the fate of the British and Indian troops taken prisoners at Kut. He says that the officers made a reasonable, comfortable and expeditious journey from Bagdad to Constantinople, but the men were driven in straggling detachments, for 1,000 miles, to Anatolia, suffering from hunger, destitution and the cruelty of their guards.

American Consuls and missionaries helped them to the best of their ability at a few spots on the route. The largest concentration camp is at Konia, where the prisoners are hungry, insufficiently clad and sheltered and have suffered unspeakably. The Turkish and German officials have refused to allow the Americans there to assist the prisoners.

Duchess of Connaught Is Ill with Measles

Reuter's Service

London, March 10.—H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught was attacked by influenza on February 13 and measles developed on the 26th, accompanied by bronchial pneumonia. The condition of the patient is disquieting.

Nizam Gives £100,000 To Fight Submarines

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—The Press Bureau announces that the Imperial Government has accepted the gift made by the Nizam of Hyderabad of £100,000 towards the cost of the campaign against submarines.

300 Germans Invade Holland for Bread

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 9.—The Maastricht paper Les Nouvelles states that 300 Germans, including 100 deserters, recently crossed the frontier, at Limbricht and demanded bread.

CAN'T STARVE BRITAIN REPLY TO REVENTLOW

Vorwaerts Takes Him Up on Declaration Germany Must Dictate Terms

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 10.—A message from Berlin states that doubt concerning the efficacy of German submarine warfare having been expressed by Herr Reissber, President of the Hansa League, who, in a recent speech, stated that the object of the German blockade is not to force Britain to her knees, but to produce a desire for an understanding, Count Reventlow has attacked Herr Reissber, declaring that Germany must dictate peace to Great Britain.

The Vorwaerts, in an article, says that the aims stated by Count Reventlow mean a tremendous prolongation of the war and concludes by declaring that it is impossible to starve Great Britain. The German papers accuse the agrarians in Prussia of withholding supplies from the rest of the Empire.

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ESSEN UNDER SUSPICION OF FAKING BREAD CARDS

Without Drastic Measures, Impossible to Hold Out, Says Food Commissioner

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, March 9.—In the Prussian Diet, yesterday, the Food Commissioner declared that the food difficulties and consequent cessation of work and more dismal things in a certain town in Western Prussia were attributable to the wholesale falsification of bread-cards, which resulted in entire food reserves being used up. He stated that, without drastic measures, it will be impossible to hold out.

It is believed that the town referred to was Essen, where it was recently reported there had been a big hunger-strike.

SILVER ABNORMALLY QUIET

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 8.—Samuel Montagu's weekly silver report states that the market has been exceptionally quiet. Supplies from America have again been scanty and business small. The demand has been more general and included some Indian bear covering.

WANG TA-HSIEH LEAVES

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, March 11.—The Special Envoy, Wang Ta-hsieh, left for Japan this morning.

Repay Tong Shao-yi $20,000 He Borrowed Over Last Rebellion

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, March 11.—The Government has acceded to the request made by Mr. Tong Shao-yi to repay $20,000 which the latter borrowed in order to cover expenditure in connection with the last rebellion and the Ministry of Finance has been ordered to hand over this amount.

All Germany Mourns Zeppelin, Says Kaiser

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 9.—The Kaiser has telegraphed condolence to Countess Zeppelin, in extravagant terms, in which he states: "I feel the death of this excellent man most painfully. The whole of Germany unites with me in mourning one of the greatest sons of the Fatherland. His successes in the air have rendered his name immortal far beyond Germany. His memory will always remain sublime and dear to me."

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(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 8.—The report of the Dardanelles Commission remarks that the death of Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, made it impossible to state his opinions and aims with the same confidence as in the case of living witnesses. This difficulty had been enhanced, owing to Lord Kitchener insisting on the strictest secrecy in respect to all matters connected with the military operations.

Everything possible has been done, however, to ascertain his views and intentions, by examining records and inquiring of his close associates. The Commissioners regret particularly, in this connection, that Colonel Fitzgerald, who was probably better acquainted with Lord Kitchener's opinions than anyone else, should have shared his fate.

The necessity for doing justice to the living as well as the dead has impelled the Commission to completely reveal Lord Kitchener's action in connection with the Dardanelles. The Commissioners emphasise that, when the attack on the Dardanelles was being considered, Lord Kitchener occupied a unique position.

Regarding this, they quote a passage from the evidence given by Mr. Winston Churchill, in which he said: "Lord Kitchener absolutely dominated our counsels. His decisions were invariably accepted as final and scarcely anyone ever ventured to argue with him. Respect for the man, sympathy for him in his immense labors, confidence in his professional judgment and belief that he had plans deeper and wider than any we could see, silenced misgivings and disputes."

The report is made the text for articles in certain newspapers to attack what the Daily Mail calls "The Old Gang." The Times describes the report as a wholesome warning against any attempt to restore previous men and conditions.

Other papers, like the Daily Chronicle and Daily News, regret the publication of the report in wartime, as inopportune.

In the House of Commons, today, Mr. A. Bonar Law stated that the report of the Mesopotamia Commission has not yet been written. He declined to promise, before receiving the report, that it would be published in its entirety.

NAVAL BASE PLAN ON PACIFIC IS REJECTED

Senate Kills Bill—House Proposes Bar to State Laws Against Aliens

New York, March 3.—The Senate has rejected the bill proposing to establish a naval base in San Francisco, by a vote of 46 to 26. The defeat of this act is regarded as an indication of growing good sentiment among the Americans towards Japan. Another indication of American good sentiment towards the Japanese is the introduction into the House of Representatives of a revision of the Constitution prohibiting States from preparing any act aimed at discrimination between alien residents in regard to the acquisition of property or private legal rights. Of course it will be too late to expect much from this act, but at any rate this indicates the American good sentiment towards the Japanese, and has a good effect upon the public opinion in the United States towards Japan. —Asahi

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Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Bishop and Lieutenant W. A. Robertson, the United Sates army aviators who were lost for ten days in the wilds of Sonora, Mexico, thirty-two miles south of the California border, are to be subjected to a court martial for having attempted a flight from San Diego, Cal., to the Imperial Valley, without authority. The propeller of their aeroplane broke, compelling them to land. When found they were near death from lack of food and water. Two sandwiches and two oranges was all the food or drink the men had, except water taken from their airplane tank during the ten days in which they wandered in the desert.

CONSTANTINE'S BETTER HALF

How Queen Sophia, Kaiser's Sister, Makes Husband Toe Line

The role played by Queen Sophia, the Kaiser's sister, during the recent events in Greece was explained to me today (says the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail) by Mlle. Stephanopoli, en route from Athens to London, as that of the "faithful instrument of Berlin." Her Majesty is in constant communication with the Kaiser, and from the beginning of hostilities has incessantly worried King Constantine with the object of inducing him to further the cause of the Germanic Powers.

"Queen Sophia," she said, "is surrounded at the palace by German women. Since the war began she has more than ever cultivated intimate relations with her compatriots at Athens." At the same time, acting on instructions from Berlin, she has gone out of her way to win the sympathy of her husband's subjects. But, although she has worked hard in support of war charities and other benevolent organisation, she has never succeeded in becoming popular.

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Hold Military Ready For Petrograd Riots

Ministers in Conference On Problem of Food; Snow Blocked Roads Increase Trouble

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, March 10.—A conference of the Premier, Ministers, members of the Duma and members of municipalities, yesterday, discussed the urgent problem of food supplies and decided to entrust the Municipalities with the management.

The Military Commandant, in a proclamation regarding "the disorders of the last few days and acts of violence and attempts against the soldiers and police," forbids assemblages in the streets and warns the inhabitants that the troops have been ordered to use their weapons, if necessary, to preserve order. The newspapers are not being published and the tramways have ceased running.

A semi-official communique states that, owing to the heavy snow-falls hindering the arrival of food-stuffs, some of the inhabitants of Petrograd got into a panic and raided the bread supplies, creating a shortage. Energetic measures prevented the disturbances becoming serious.

Municipal sales of bread and other exceptional steps have been taken, while the railways are gradually being cleared of snow and the arrivals of food-stuffs are again approaching the normal.

London, March 10.—A telegram from Petrograd states that the Commander of the troops, in a proclamation, has informed the inhabitants that the supplies of flour are undiminished and there should be ample bread, if the people will moderate their requirements. This proclamation is due to the unrest among the poor, especially the women, who began to assemble, to demand bread, but were very orderly, so that the use of troops was unnecessary.

The Duma has been debating at length concerning the food crisis.

ROBBER GETS Y. 40,000; LEAPS OFF FAST TRAIN

Japanese Bank Clerk, However, Is Daring Too and Holds Thief for Police

Tokio, March 4.—When a train neared a bridge between Hyogo and Takatori stations, a passenger in the same car with some bank clerks who were taking a money pouch to Hoyo, rose from his seat and approached the pouch. He appeared merely to touch the pouch and them hurried into another car. The clerks them examined the pouch and found that part of it had been cut out with a sharp knife and that one bundle of paper money amounting to 40,000 yen was stolen.

One of the clerks started in pursuit of the robber, who jumped off the moving train, followed by the clerk. When the train reached Hoygo a few minutes later, the other clerk reported the robbery to the police, and some policemen were at once despatched to the bridge where the robber had leaped from the train. The clerk was still struggling with the robber, who was arrested. He had shadowed the bank clerks from the time the money was placed in their hands.

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Sunday's Football

The Jewish Recreation Club defeated Fuh Tan College Sunday by 7 goals to nil. Grimple, just back from Tientsin, garnered three goals. He is a fine center. Nor were the other forwards wanting as sharpshooters, for each one scored.

The halves, Sanft, Haimovitch and Abrahams, were all sprightly but Sanft caught the public's eye more than the other pair. Fuxman played back splendidly. Fuh Tan played only a fair game.

Golf

Shanghai Scottish, S.V.C.

A 30 hole medal play competition for a prize presented by Mr. J. E. Bingham was played at Kiangwan on Sunday and resulted in a win for Mr. J. C. Macdougall. The best cards:

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'La Belle Helene'

Mme. Thue and her devoted company gave a second rendering of Offenbach's delightful and melodious opera at the Lyceum last night, and the pouring rain notwithstanding, were rewarded by the presence of a large audience. The latter, too, lost no time getting into the spirit of the evening's entertainment and the applause and laughter were hearty and frequent.

Miss Stewart Lockhart, who endears herself more with each appearance, was wonderfully fair and most alluring in the name part. It is seldom that Shanghai audiences, or audiences anywhere for that matter, have the chance to see and hear such a fortunate combination of good looks, good singing and good acting, all, as you might say, in one gown. The Paris of Miss Cowen again was capital and the scenes between the pair invariably sent the audience off into raptures. Mrs. Mathieson as Orestes added just the needed quantity of sprightly and spirited singing and dancing.

On the humorous side, the company is rich. Mr. Donne gets everything possible out of Menelaus, while Mr. Burrett, from the moment he announced: "Here come the Greek kings—all strictly neutral!" had the audience with him. And Mr. Speelman's pathos concerning the peculiar physiological avalanche that had befallen him, swept everything before it. In fact our compliments go to the entire company.

There will be another performance tomorrow night.

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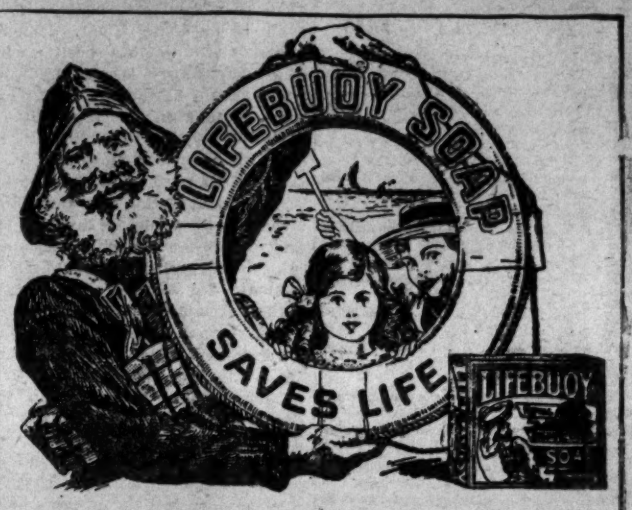

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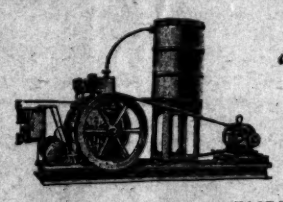
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The new depression will come down the Yangtsze valley. South-easterly breezes on the Eastern and Yellow Seas. Intermittent mist and rain.

IMPARTIAL AND PROGRESSIVE

SHANGHAI, MARCH 13, 1917

China Presents United Front

BY overwhelming votes in both the Senate and House, the Parliament of China has authorised the President and Cabinet to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. This there is every likelihood of the Government doing within the next day or two.

China by this course earns double congratulations. She is doing the right thing and she is doing it in the right—in the Constitutional—way. Had Premier Tuan had his way, had he proceeded to bring about the rupture with Germany without recourse to Parliament and the Constitution, there is little doubt a serious situation would have been created. As it is, China, so far as her Government is concerned, now presents a united front.

Some opposition to the proposed step has been kicked up here just as was the case in the United States, but in the face of governmental action, it is expected that this opposition will disappear here just as it will disappear in the big sister Republic. As to whether China will take the further long stride of declaring war on Germany and joining the Entente, her action doubtless will be guided by events of the immediate future.

As to the future course of the United States, it may be said that events are slowly but steadily framing themselves for the entrance of that country into the war against Germany. United States Senator Frank D. Brandegee of Connecticut, in the historic debate of March 3, on the Armed Neutrality Bill, after characterising Germany as a homicidal maniac with whom it was unsafe to argue, put the matter in this way:

"I am not deceived in regard to the effect of this Bill. The next freight or passenger ship with American gunners aboard, which attempts to enter a British or neutral port, through the German warzone, will be attacked by a German submarine. That means war. If this nation be fit to live and if perchance our defensive gunners should sink that submarine, that means war. When Germany proclaimed unrestricted submarine warfare after February 1 against the Allies, she declared war against the world."

How the Editors View The Mexican Proposal

BELOW we reproduce the gist of editorial comments of four more or less prominent Japanese papers—Chugai, Yomiuri, Hochi, and Osaka Asahi on the subject of the Japan-German Alliance, proposed by Germany, and also the views of leading Paris and London editors:

Under the caption "The Japan-German-Mexican Alliance Rumor and Kaiser's Desperate Predicament" the Hochi argues as follows: Her submarine policy having failed Germany has now begun playing other games. The new Mexican trick has three objectives, viz., 1, She wants to dull the edge of the American resolution against Germany. 2, She wants to win the goodwill of Mexico with a view to making something out of her. 3, She wants to keep China out of the war. Germany wants also to alienate Japan from her allies. The attempt is of course as contemptible as it is useless. It only demonstrates the desperate position in which the Kaiser is placed. The world should have a care lest Germany should invent some other game. We shall watch with amusement what her next move may be.

If the Kaiser should attempt to carry into operation his desperate dream of the wholesale invasion of England, as the Times' correspondent has suggested, it would consummate the complete destruction of the German Army and Navy, and also perfect the fate of the Kaiser as a Second Napoleon; but the Kaiser may not prove so romantic.

Though there is no reason to alter Japan's policy vis-a-vis Mexico, there is some fear of this German element in the United States taking advantage of the alliance story to damage the amicable relations between the United States and Japan. Also it may serve to fan Mexican ill-feeling against the United States. It is not concealed that both official and civilian Mexico has long been endeavoring to gain Japan's friendship, but that Japan has been careful not to hurt the susceptibilities of the United States, as is proved by the refusal to receive the Mexican Envoy, M. Diaz, in the autumn of 1913. That Japan has performed many friendly acts toward the United States in regard to the Mexican problem is a well-known fact, and this obligation the American Government and people may well remember. For that matter we would also recommend Great Britain to bestow a thought upon it. In the friendly relations between two parties, be they national or individual, the performance of friendly offices must be mutual, not one-sided.

The Chugai characterises the German story as a laughable castle in the air. Even if Germany should sincerely and zealously wish for an alliance with Japan, it would make no impression on Japan at all. The Chugai considers the cause of the war, especially that of the German-Japan war, to be traceable to German ambition in the Far East.

As regards the progress of the war, the paper cannot but be astounded by the unending series of brutalities, falsehoods, and treacheries which characterise the German mode of fighting. With a nation like this it is unthinkable that Japan should enter into a bond of alliance. Germany has made a pitiable blunder in her recent as well as in many a previous stratagem, but it will be wrong to suppose that this is the last of German tricks, and the Chugai therefore warns the nations to be on their guard.

The Yomiuri puts the value of the Mexican alliance story on a par with the German rumor circulated in the middle of January, i.e., that Germany was on the point of concluding a separate peace with Russia, and that there was a secret understanding between Russia and Japan. It is at least conceivable that Mexico might ally herself with Germany and take advantage of the American trouble with Germany in giving the United States a slap on the back, but as to the possibility of Japan making one of such a league, the Yomiuri can only admire the resourcefulness of German imagination.

The paper repeats the well-known fact that Japan is a member of the Entente and a party to the pledge that they will sign no independent peace with the Teutons, and that Japan is on the friendliest terms with the United States, as is shown by the courtesy of the American authorities in repealing the Idaho anti-Japanese Bill, and by the American-Japanese economic co-operation proposed in China. But to think that Japan would turn traitor to her Allies and deliberately make an enemy of the United States is a little too strong even as a trick of German imagination. The paper cannot but pity the chaotic mental state which has made such absurd imaginings possible even in German heads.

The Osaka Asahi, while ridiculing the German hallucination about the possibility of a Japan-German Alliance, asserts that it also proves that there are some vulnerable points on the side of the Allies and the United States, that it should have occasioned so great a sensation. In the first place the paper argues that the ambiguous American Monroe doctrine is to some extent responsible for the opportunity which Germany finds in inspiring Americans with anxious feelings. In the second place the paper puts partial responsibility on the shoulders of the Terauchi Cabinet; the Asahi declares that some members of the present Cabinet are regarded as resembling the Prussian military caste in ideas, so that Germany thinks there is room for such a story being credited. The Terauchi Cabinet enjoys confidence in Germany, it seems, though it lacks confidence at home. The paper concludes by saying that the future of Mexican-American relations is interesting and deserves to be closely watched, since they are not altogether without some connection with Japan.

French and British Comment

In an article commenting upon the instructions of Dr. Zimmermann to Herr von Eckhardt regarding the proposed Mexico-Japan-Germany alliance, Le Temps writes as follows:

"When Japan, in 1914, placed herself by the side of the Entente powers she had not forgotten the difficulties which long negotiations in preceding years had only partially solved, but she thought these difficulties would be more easily solved when a closer bond united her to Great Britain and the allies of Great Britain. She believed also that the outcome of the conflict could assure the equilibrium and peace of the world and she chose her course on the side giving the best assurance for world order.

"Did the Berlin Government suppose that Japan would change her mind on account of Germany proclaiming a suppression of neutral navigation on all the seas? If Germany did so, it shows once more its poor judgment. Though at war against Germany, Japan for a long time has shown extreme moderation toward the German citizens residing in her territory. This may have given rise to hopes and illusions in Germany and may explain to a certain extent the Machiavellian and stupid proposal which von Eckhardt was to convey to Mexico.

"Viscount Motono's last speech and all the career of this prominent statesman should have interpreted Japan to Germany. Viscount Motono has conceived, as must be conceived by all patriots of all honest countries, the situation of Europe and the world. He knows that the German policy, at peace or war, means injury to the rights and independence of foreign peoples."

Le Journal des Debats writes on the same subject:

"Dr. von Zimmermann, in endeavoring to offer to Japan the proposal for an Alliance, breaks all records for duplicity. Japan is the loyal and active ally of the Entente. After having acted directly against Germany where it was possible to strike a blow, Japan gives indirect but regular assistance to the Allies. Nothing, absolutely nothing, could bring us to suspect her good faith, but the German Minister for Foreign Affairs supposes that others can be guilty of the same foul schemes as himself and he thinks that Japan could be disloyal to her pact."

The Daily News and Leader of London says:

"The credulity which could contemplate the association of Japan and Mexico in an attack on the United States springs from the same mental infirmity as that which prompted the Germans to complete faith in a revolt in Ireland and the disintegration of the British Empire in 1914.

"Only Germany could believe that solicitation by such a state as Mexico would suffice to detach the Japanese Government from its loyalty to the Entente and launch it on a foolhardy and treacherous assault on the United States."

The Daily Telegraph says:—

"Our ally in the Far East, who happens also to be the ally of Russia, was to cast in her lot with a power which stands before a condemning world of honest men, the declared enemy of half the population of the universe and is besieged by land as well as by sea. We trust that this exposure, which will certainly bring some word from Tokio, will once and for all convince the American people that they have as little cause to fear the Japanese as have the British dominions in the Pacific which that power is assisting in defending. Japan did not enter upon the war lightly. She has made great sacrifices in fulfilling her duty. She will make peace when her partners make peace and not a day before. Of that we are absolutely assured."

The Daily Mail says: "It need scarcely be said that Japan would in no circumstances have had any dealings with the Germans.

"In this country we know with how stainless a standard of honor she waged the war of 1904 and 1905, in which there was not one single infringement of international law. The history of that struggle is a living testimony against Germany and proof that men can fight without using the methods of devils."

Her Monument?

"Does not every man stand on the earth like a graven statue as the monument of the valour of a woman?" asks Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Probably; but some monuments are distinctly disheartening.

Year Will Speak With Flame Script

German Novelist's Rhapsodic Effort to Stimulate Drooping Spirits of People

Rudolph Stratz, the well-known South German novelist, contributes an article to Die Woche on "The Great Hour." It is a bewildering performance, and it requires some steadiness of mind to decide whether it is rant or insanity, or both. But the article deserves notice because Stratz is really a man of some eminence, and because he is the chief among a score of writers of less note who are blundering along in the same fantastic and inconsequent fashion. And let us remember they are writing for an applauding Germany.

Stratz begins: "The year 1916 has been transfigured. From the Storm of the Day it has become the Storm of World History. The third of the great war years will speak with its writing of flame through the centuries, and testify to the heroic battle of the German for existence." The writer goes on to express his uncertainty whether or not 1917 will bring peace, but there are two points on which he has no doubt—the power of German certainty of victory, and the pure transparency of the German desire for peace. He tells us that the conscience of the world is wakening. The weal or woe of the world, he assures us, no longer dwells in the throats of the lies from London, or on the lips of the unprincipled chamber-chatterers of foreign enemies, or in the irresponsible speeches of enemy statesmen. There are new influences at work counteracting the incendiaries of the present. "We shall hope everything, we shall fear nothing."

Herr Stratz comforts those compatriots of his who are unable to stand in the trenches. Let them remember that within their four walls, making munitions, they also are fighting. Then follows this whirling passage: "War hitherto has been an affair for men. But it remained for England to open a starvation war against 50 million defenceless women and children, the while she was smothering our men with American bombs bought by the City, which has been turned into a fire-vomiting mountain. England's first gallows motto is 'No bread for German women and children.' Its second—a business formulary—is 'Not sufficient munitions for German men.' A voice of thunder replies from Germany, 'We have enough bread and more munitions than all of you.'"

According to Harr Stratz a long chain (an unfortunate illustration) goes through Germany binding together the hands of all in one uniform effort. Germans rejoice to know that the brass doors of their ovens are being cast in heaps into the melting furnaces, that the molten metal is being moulded into shells which are formed into completed bombs by the hands of women. He hears the rumbling of the cars at night that convey the munitions to their destination. He see in vision the destruction they cause among the enemy. "Every German bomb brings perhaps destruction to a dozen enemies."

The writer asks his countrymen to talk less of their food distresses. It is true that the people must do without food, "but what are our deeds of abstinence and renunciation against the deeds and sacrifices of our heroes? Talk less about the bread card. Raise yourself up into the region of the true German potato bread spirit of self-forgetfulness and love of country. This is the spirit which our enemies regard as terrible, as terrible as Fet Berta and her Sugarloafs. Lloyd George, our most dangerous adversary, has said it."

This is Herr Stratz's way of admonishing his people: "What is your little Ego compared with the German All? What are your little troubles compared with the misery of all? What the relinquished egg card compared with the widow's veil, the scantiness of the bread card against the hero's grave?"

'And Turned Them To Men?'

Mr. James Oppenheimer, in his new book, "War and Laughter," has these lines:—

You rave at the war, do you?
Do you know that the war has struck in the face with a fist
A race of clerks,
And turned them to men? . . .
Vast millions have ceased to whimper over the coffee at breakfast,
And ceased from family cowardice,
And from industrial bondage,
And now the mother gives the son she feared to release for a night's adventure,
And the man who demanded safety first leads the charge from the trenches,
And life is so real that men are willing to lose it.

War To Draw Derided In Britain

By Charles H. Grasty
(*New York Times*)

"When two world belligerents are engaged in a destructive struggle the causes of which they themselves do not clearly understand, perhaps do not even dimly perceive, there can only be a draw. And as a matter of fact, hasn't it come down to a question of prestige between England and Germany?"

This is the sentiment embodied in recent letters from America. Such a view, it seems to me, is the effect of weariness upon a watcher at a distance with only a neutral, remote interest in the war. It reminds me of the story of a poet in Washington during our civil war, who, rousing himself from a sleep, wrote:

Oh, that some bird from the sunny South
Would build its nest in the cannon's mouth
And stop its terrible roar.

A poetically beautiful sentiment; but from the point of view of the English Government and public there isn't the slightest chance of a draw as the result of this war. It has been said by experts that war has three phases: first the onset which is a matter of swiftness; next the grip, a matter of numbers; third, the drag, a matter of purse. The Germans had their innings in the first stage of the onset, or swiftness, in the grip and drag the advantage lies with the Allies. This war is a matter of resources. It is like a battle at sea; victory will lie nowadays with bore of guns, tonnage, and speed. In the battle of Coronel the Germans won, and there was never any doubt of the result from the first. At the Falklands it was precisely the other way around, and for the like reason. The land struggle is virtually the same. Victory will go to the side with the greatest numbers and the most money; barring some unthinkable accident, like the death of Catherine of Russia, followed by reversal of policy at a time when Frederick the Great was carrying in his pocket a vial of poison, ready to kill himself when the moment of inevitable defeat arrived.

War on such a scale as that now raging eliminates other casual elements. When von Kluck thundered down from Mons to Meaux, General Foch sat, a score or so miles to the east, with the book of strategy and tactics that he had written and used as a professor in the French War College on his knees, and he applied the theories therein enunciated to the German advance. The war was big enough to make general theories applicable, and Foch's stab went home to the vitals. All general principles that are sound in themselves will work out if applied on a sufficiently large scale.

War critics on this side have been quoting with approval and optimism the figures compiled by Theodore Price of New York, showing the concrete resources of the belligerents. Thus the Allies have nearly 50 per cent of the world's population and 55 per cent of its present area, against less than 10 and 6 per cent respectively, of the Central Powers. In national wealth the Allies are over 2½ to 1 as compared with the Central Powers. These figures have acquired their due importance now that the stage of onset has been passed and the two stages of grip and drag have been reached.

In the field of imponderables it cannot be denied that the Allies enjoy a similar advantage. If the moral sense and the judgment of neutrals lay with the German allies, the vast superiority of the Entente in money and men might be to some extent counterbalanced. The simple fact, however, is that in this second item of strength the Entente Allies enjoy an even greater superiority than in the first. There is no doubt whatever as to what answer the neutral world would give to the question that some English statesman has recently propounded: "The most practical issue of the war is whether this inferno of Prussianism is an interruption or a precedent." The almost universal impression of German war morals is that they are "better for a wolf pack than for a society of civilised men and women."

The calm and well-reasoned note that appeared recently from Mr. Balfour throws into unpleasant contrast the extraordinary utterances of the Kaiser. The plans upon which the German monarch's discussion has been conducted in the last few days reminds one of the editorial controversies of the frontier days between the editors of The Arizona Kicker and The Laramie Boomerang.

It is very difficult to reconcile the present mood of the Kaiser and his people to the Germany that we all thought we knew before the war. To borrow an analogy from the electric power house, the Kaiser's acts seem to have transformed amperes of useful German energy into volts of worse than useless passion. Lord Roseberry said recently: "Prussia is like a pike in a pond with sharp teeth and endless voracity." But this description of the German war mind implies more definiteness of purpose than that mind often exhibits. There is so much in the present German method that looks like showing off that one often wonders whether the love of the spectacular is not greater in them for the time being than the much vaunted will to win.

As bearing upon the hysterical condition of the German mind, the recently published book by the Rev. J. P. Bang (a Dane, not an Englishman) of Copenhagen, throws a good deal of light on the subject. Here are striking quotations, one from the prayer of a German preacher and other from a passage in a sermon:

"Thou, Who dwellest high above Cherubim, Seraphim, and Zeppelins"—

And this gem from a discourse by the Rev. Karl Koenig:

"We cannot place any other human power above the Kaiser and the Reichstag—no English guardian, no Russian knought, nor any French top-hat."

These last impressions of Germany encourage a greater optimism for democratic countries. Slow and inefficient they may be at a time of emergency, but all events there is no Kaiser to plunge them into destruction without the consent of the real parties in interest—the people.

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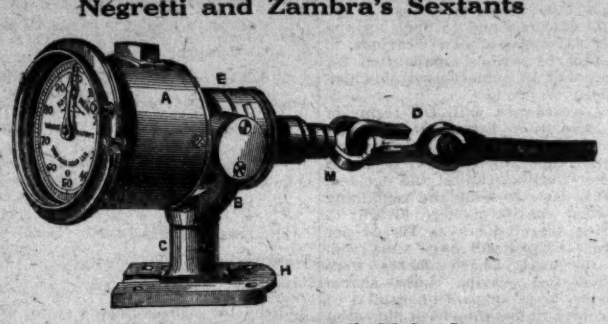

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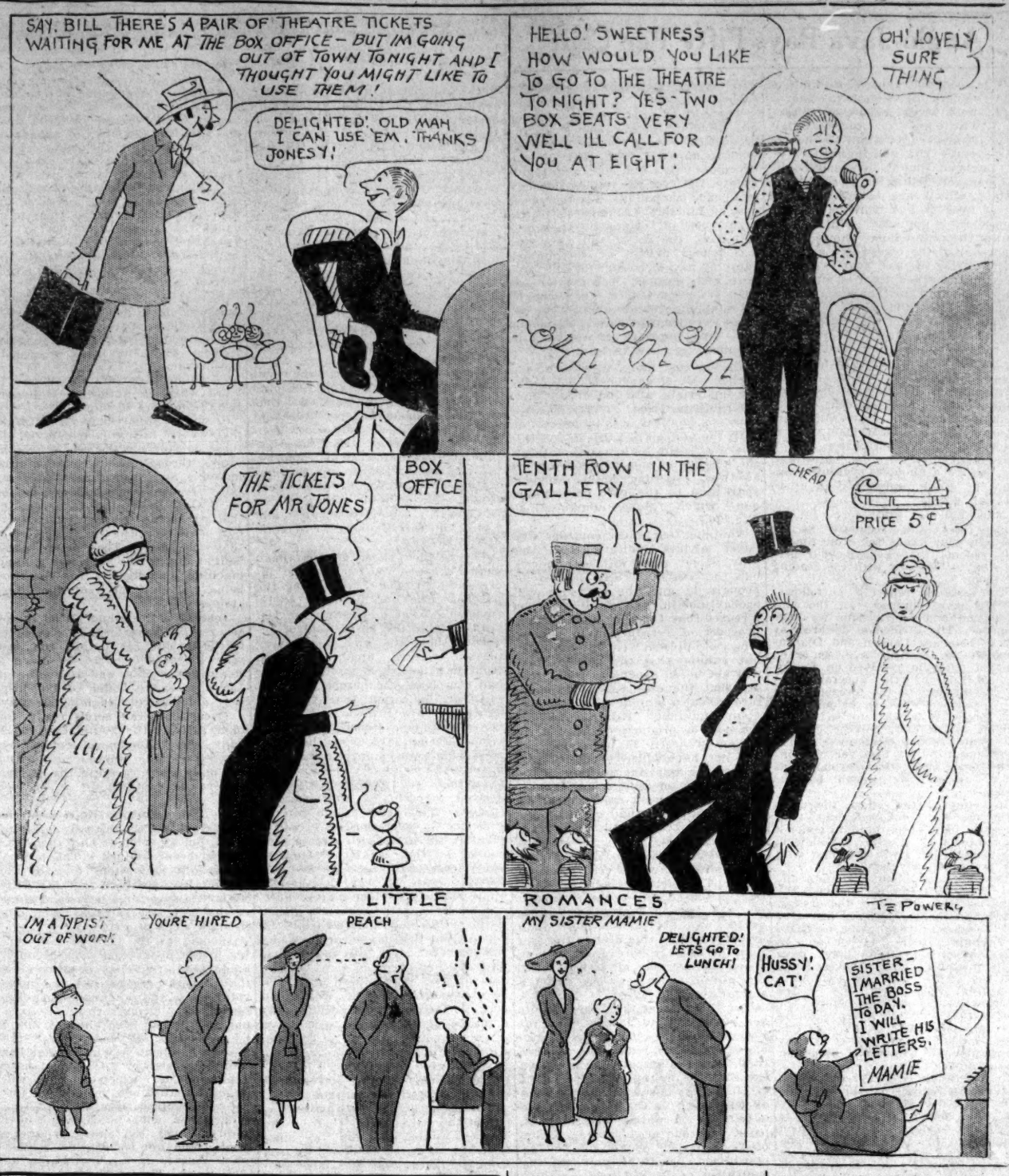
What's The Use! By Tom Powers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All Over The World

Many and strange have been the adventures of the Hungarian crown. In the middle of last century it narrowly missed being conveyed across the continent to England. Kossuth, obliged to flee his country after the revolution of 1849, buried the crown at Orsova. Four years later a flood caused him to become alarmed for its safety, and he gave instructions that it should be secretly removed and brought to London. But one of the men intrusted with the mission let slip an allusion which roused the suspicions of the Austrian police, and led to the recovery of the crown by the Austrian Government on September 8, 1853.

Even though nothing should ever come of the investigation of the Washington-Wall Street stock speculation methods, otherwise known as the "leak inquiry," the public will probably be better informed hereafter on what constitutes a short sale on the stock exchange. This is only one of the various operations in financial activities that seem mysterious to many people. In fact the entire stock market and investment business, to a large proportion of men and women, is, so, to speak, an unknown world. It is, however, not at all undiscoverable, to any one who exerts the least effort to find about it.

Following fast upon the "brewer's afterthought," namely, the food value of beer and its by-products, comes an inexorable pronouncement on the subject by a well-known brewing authority in England. Assuming, he says, that a quarter of barley, that is, 448 pounds, produces, in addition to five barrels of beer, forty pounds of culms and poultry food, 400 pounds of wet grains and eighteen pounds of brewer's barm, weighing in all a little over a ton this is entirely due to the addition of water. The starch, which forms the principal food constituent of barley, having been turned into grape sugar, is almost entirely destroyed by the vat and cask fermentation, and instead we have alcohol, carbon dioxide, gas, and yeast. The culms and poultry food are not worth 4s.; the "grains" are worth about 6s. for 400 pounds; the yeast is practically valueless. Half a guinea's worth of foodstuffs of somewhat doubtful value is all that is left out of 60s. worth of a prime feeding-stuff.

The United States Navy is, it seems, no place for men who go to sea. Of the five rear admirals recently nominated by the President, under the scheme of promotion devised by Secretary Daniels, one is a civil engineer, one a paymaster, one a naval constructor, and two are physicians. Soon after he became a Cabinet officer, Secretary Daniels refused to make rear admirals of several captains who had made good records in the Spanish-American war. His reason was that they had not had enough sea duty. And yet there is not one seaman in the new list.

A keen observer once remarked with perfect justice that, whilst thousands might not, for instance, look twice at a pony in the street, thousands would certainly go out of their way to look at it if it stood calmly chewing oats in a shop window. The same will probably be true concerning the vegetable gardens which it is proposed to make in London in Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Kensington Gardens; to say nothing of the hundreds of acres of grains of all kinds, which may soon be springing up in Richmond Park and Bushey Park. The chestnuts at Bushey Park and the rhododendrons at Richmond may, this year, it seems, have serious rivals.

A young man who was "plucked" at Dartmouth College for neglecting his studies while absorbed in undergraduate dramatic productions, is now associate manager for a "star" who is acting in New York City. This youth, at least, presumably feels that college did as much for him as it does for those who stick closer to the books, since it helped him, even if indirectly, to enter a profession.

People who are looking for openings are informed that, in many counties of Texas, good, smooth, sandy land, suitable for peanut culture, may now be purchased at from $5 to $15 an acre. The reason for the impartation of this knowledge is the fact that peanut culture has been very successfully carried on in Texas, and that, just as soon as this fact becomes generally known, the acreage price is certain to advance. An impression prevails that peanuts are consumed mainly during the baseball and circus season. This opinion is erroneous. The nuts are now used extensively in the manufacture of peanut butter, table oils, and other articles, and in Texas they have become an invaluable product for cattle food.

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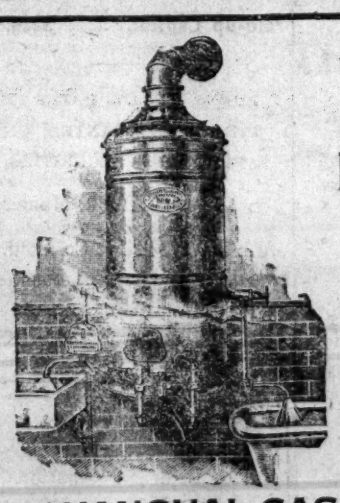

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, March 12, 1917.

Money and Bullion

Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate @ 84½=Tls. 1.18 @ 72.1=$1.64

	Tls.
Mex. Dollars, Market rate	71.875
S'hai Gold Bars: 978 touch	—
Bar Silver	—
Copper Cash	1853
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 3/5=Tls.	5.85
Exch. @ 72.1=Mex. $	8.11
Peking Par	302
Native Interest	.02

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	37⅛d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5½%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex., Paris on London	Fr. 27.80
Ex., N. Y. on London T.T.	$ 476/16
Consols	£ —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London	T.T.	3-5¼
London	Demand	3-5⅛
India	(nominal) T.T.	248
Paris	T.T.	478
Paris	Demand	478½
New York	T.T.	81¾
New York	Demand	81⅞
Hongkong	T.T.	68
Japan	T.T.	62⅝
Batavia	T.T.	201

Bank's Buying Rates

London	4 m-s. Cdts.	3-6⅛
London	4 m-s. Docy.	3-6⅜
London	6 m-s. Cdts.	3-7⅛
London	6 m-s. Docy.	3-7⅜
Paris	4 m-s.	497
New York	4 m-s.	84⅞

CUSTOMS HOUSE RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR MARCH.

£1	=Hk. Tls.	5.12
Hk. Tls. 1	=Francs	5.43
„ „ 1	=Marks	†4.44
Gold $1	=Hk. Tls.	1.08
Hk. Tls. 1	=Yen	1.81
„ „ 1	=Rupees	2.93
„ „ 1	=Rouble	3.23
„ „ 1	=Mex.	$1.50

†Nominal.

Stock Exchange

Transactions

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Shanghai, March 12, 1917.

Official

H. and S. Banks $635.00
Kamuntings Tls. 6.75
Kota Bahroes Tls. 9.50
Padangs Tls. 13.50
Dominions Tls. 11.25
Trams "B" Tls. 76.00

Sharebrokers' Association

Transactions

BUSINESS DONE

Shanghai, March 12, 1917.

Official

Anglo-Java Tls. 11.00 cash
S. M. C. 1913 6% Debs. Tls. 90.00 cash

Direct

Anglo-Javas Tls. 11.00 cash
Weeks 7% Debs Tls. 73.00 cash
Hall and Holtz 7% Debs. Tls. 93.00 cash
S. M. C. 1908 6% Debs. Tls. 90.00 cash
Tanah Merah Tls. 1.10 cash
Consolidateds Tls. 3.25 cash

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, March 10.—Today's rubber prices were:—

Plantation First Latex:
Spot: 3s. 2½d. paid.
April to June: 3s. 2½d. paid.
Tendency of Market: Steady.

Last Quotation, London, March 9:—
Spot: 3s. 2½d. paid.
April to June: 3s. 2½d. sellers.
Tendency of Market: Quiet.

BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, March 10.—Today's silver prices were as follows:—
Bar Silver Spot: 37⅛d. More offering. Dull.

Last Quotation, London, March 9:—
Bar Silver Spot: 37⅛d. Advanced on bear covering. Quiet.
New York Silver: 75⅞.

COMMERCIAL CABLES

Reuter's Service

London, March 9.—Today's rates, prices and deliveries were:—

Consols 2½% for account	£ 52¾
Cheques on London at Paris	Fr. 27.80
T.T. on London at New York	G.$ 4.76½
Bar Silver (Spot)	37⅞d.
Bank of England Rate of Discount	5½%
Market rate of Discount	4⅞%
Cotton: Egyptian F. G. F.	22.80d.
Cotton: M. G. Fine Scinde and Bengal	9.55d.
Cotton: Mid American Spot	11.94d.
Plantation Rubber March	3s. 2½d. paid.
Indian Tea	15⅞d.
Ceylon Tea	15⅝d.

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Anglo-Java Pays Fifty Per Cent

The seventh annual meeting of shareholders in Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd., held at the offices of Messrs. J. A. Wattie and Co., Ltd., yesterday, was in marked contrast to that of last year. The chairman, Mr. W. S. Davidson, made an exceptionally long speech, telling of affairs at the estate, which was listened to with great interest and punctuated with considerable applause. When he sat down, the shareholders showed their approval of the company's management during the past year in a manner more marked than at any company meeting in Shanghai for a considerable while past.

The happiness of the shareholders may have been due to some extent to the recommendation—subsequently ratified—of a final dividend of Taels 0.75, which makes the full dividend, on the average exchange, approximately fifty per cent.

Supporting Mr. Davidson were Messrs. J. H. McMichael, W. S. Jackson, C. W. Wrightson, E. I. Ezra and H. H. Girardet (directors), the other shareholders present bringing the total representation up to 145,553 shares.

The chairman said:

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will assume that I have your permission to dispense with the reading of them.

The auditors' report is as follows:—"We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. The dividends declared by N. V. Limburg Landen and Djarangan Estates, Limited, have been taken from a telegram received on February 26, 1917, by the general managers. Subject to the foregoing, the above balance sheet is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books."

In compiling the report, the usual form has been followed and your directors have endeavored to make it as complete as possible. Following the usual order, I will deal first with the areas and harvests.

The area of Limburg Estate and the area under hevea remain the same as last year, but the area of Djarangan Estate has been increased by 673 acres, through the purchase of Loengoer Redjo Division and on this new division 647½ acres have been planted with hevea and Robusta coffee. As you will have seen from the report, the coffee planting was completed before the end of 1916, but the hevea planting was only finished in January of this year. I shall have more to say about this new land when discussing the accounts.

The areas under hemp and cocoa, on Limburg Estate, remain the same as at the end of last year and, I may add, no change of importance is anticipated. As regards coffee, thinning-out in the older gardens was continued and must continue as the shade from the hevea increases, but it will be done gradually and we expect to be able to harvest coffee for some years to come.

All of the Java, Liberia and hybrid coffee trees have been removed from the gardens and, in addition, about 770,000 Robusta trees and there remain about 2,280,000 Robusta and Canephora trees, of which 780,000 are on Djarangan and, of these, 380,000 are on the new division of Loengoer Redjo. Thanks to the favorable weather and the careful upkeep, the condition of the remaining trees is very satisfactory. The harvests, I think you will agree, were very satisfactory, especially rubber and coffee.

The cost of producing the rubber on Limburg Estate shows an increase of over a penny a pound, when compared with that of the previous year, but, on Djarangan Estate, the cost was reduced nearly two pence per pound. The increased cost on Limburg is due partly to the higher cost of tapping the trees and collecting the latex and this was occasioned, firstly, by the higher rates of pay demanded by the tappers and, secondly, because no less than 116,000 new trees were brought into tapping rounds and 26,786 old trees were thinned out. This means that over one-third of the trees in tapping were new trees.

Curing cost more, because of the higher cost of chemicals and packing materials also advanced considerably in price. The heaviest increase, however, was in connection with the upkeep of gardens and this was due to the higher cost of labor, the absence of any dry season, such as was experienced in previous years and to the cost of thinning out, which alone amounted to f.12,330.

Thinning out must continue and latest advices indicate that, this year, 25,000 trees will be removed, but, of course, others are to be brought in and the net gain will probably be in the vicinity of 25,000. I regret that I cannot hold out any prospect of a reduction in cost so long as present conditions exist, but I hope that the garden work will not be so expensive and I may say that the estimates of expenditure reveal a similar hope.

On Djarangan Estate, although the cost of production shows a reduction of nearly 2d. per pound, you will not have failed to notice that this saving was due entirely to the reduced cost of tapping and collecting, which shows a reduction of 3d. per pound from that of 1915 and that the cost under all other headings, except one, shows an increase, for reasons similar to those I gave when discussing the cost on Limburg. The yield per acre on Limburg increased only 10 lbs. from that of 1915, but on Djarangan the increase was 80 lbs., or more than 50 per cent and this despite the fact that the average acreage in bearing shows an increase of 88 per cent, but no old trees were lost through thinning out.

For the current year, the outputs are estimated at 900,000 lbs. for Limburg and 500,000 lbs. for Djarangan, but, given reasonable weather conditions, the actual returns should exceed these figures, especially that of Limburg, whose estimate I regard as very much on the safe side. We have sold forward, on an F.O.B. basis, 180 tons at an average price of 2s. 6½d. per pound and, on an ex-godown basis, 45 tons at the equivalent of 2s. 8½d. per pound.

The large harvest of coffee, namely, 16,780 piculs, nearly 50 per cent more than the estimate, was especially gratifying to your directors and I hope equally so to the shareholders. The cost of production works out about the same as that for 1915.

For such a large crop, it should have been less and it would have been had the cost of digging-out the 770,000 trees which were removed not been included. The average price realised was over 10 Guilders per picul more than that obtained for the 1915 harvest.

Following the practice adopted since the estates came under their control, your directors commenced selling forward a portion of the estimated crop in November, 1915. The first sales were made at f.37 per picul and the market, as it advanced, was met by further sales, until it reached the top at f.85 per picul, at which price we sold 500 pieuls.

Then there was a slump, but we continued to sell, until we had sold forward 9,000 piculs at an average price of f.49.85 per picul. We could not sell more without running serious risks, since the crop was estimated at only 11,500 piculs and we were thus compelled to sell the surplus of 7,780 piculs as spot cargo, at prices which reduced the average to f.44.78.

If it was gratifying to be able to harvest such a large crop, it was more pleasing to be able to market it and to obtain the proceeds in the face of a thoroughly demoralised market. What the position is likely to be this year it is difficult to say, but it is estimated that there are 400,000 piculs of last year's coffee crop still in Java and indications point to lower prices. We have sold forward, of the 7,000 piculs estimated for the current year, 2,500 piculs, at an average of f.32½ per picul.

Unfortunately, the production of hemp fell short of the estimate; not that it was not there to be harvested, but because the comparatively light rains from April to June reduced the water supply to a point where only sufficient power was available to operate the rubber machinery. Cost of production at f.6.63 per picul is f.1.22 more than it was for 1915, due to the higher cost of labor and packing materials, but the increased cost is more than counter-balanced by the higher prices which were obtained and which work out at f.4 per picul more than for 1915.

For the current year, the harvest is estimated at 8,000 piculs and prices have advanced considerably. During January and February, 2,800 piculs were sold at an average price of f.26.40 per picul, ex-godown, the last sale being made at f.28.

The production of cocoa at 440 piculs was slightly above the estimate and both the cost of production and the selling price compare favorably with those of the previous year. For 1917, the crop is estimated at 500 piculs.

Turning now to the accounts, I will deal first with the working accounts and I should like to emphasise that the whole of general expenditure and the entire cost of upkeep has been charged to revenue. Had the usual practice been followed, of capitalising the cost of upkeep of the immature areas, the profit for the year would have been increased by f.18,500.15 for Djarangan and f.49,721.00 for Limburg, or a total of f.68,236.00.

The balance sheet of Djarangan shows the cost of the estates increased by f.100,000, this being the purchase price of Loengoer Redjo Division. When addressing you last year, I urged the desirability of acquiring this land and I was very pleased to learn, upon my return from England, that my colleagues had completed the purchase of it.

As an indication that this acquisition has turned out satisfactorily, I may tell you that we harvested, during 1916, from the coffee trees which were on it when we took it over, 800 piculs of coffee and that from these 800 piculs of coffee we derived a profit of approximately f.25,000. This profit was more than sufficient to cover the entire cost of planting the area with Hevea and coffee, so that we have acquired 647½ acres of Hevea and coffee at a capital cost of, say, £8,500, or approximately £13 per planted acre.

I shall be very much astonished if the profit to be derived from the coffee from this new clearing is not sufficient to cover all expenditure until the hevea comes into bearing and, in good years, there may even be a surplus. Since it was taken over, it has been possible for the manager of Djarangan to make a more thorough survey of it and, while planting was in progress, he has been able to get a good idea as to the richness of the soil and its suitability for hevea and coffee.

The conclusion he has arrived at is that the soil is richer than on the original estate and that we may hope for very satisfactory returns from the hevea, once it comes into bearing. As regards the fertility of the original divisions, it is only necessary, I think, for me to point out that the 550 acres which were taken into the rounds during 1916 comprised the following plantings: 252 acres December, 1910, being the balance of 1,115 planted at that time; 224 acres planted in December, 1911; 71 acres planted in November, 1912 and, therefore, just 4 years old.

The area in bearing was thus increased 50%, with comparatively young trees, but the average area in bearing shows an increase of 638 acres, or 88% and the fact that the rate of yield per acre increased 50% over the figure for 1915 indicates fairly clearly, I think, that the fertility of the soil on this estate leaves little to grumble at. The other capital expenditure on Djarangan is fully explained in the report.

150 new shares were issued during the year, increasing the issued capital to f.450,000 and your directors have authorised the issue this year of 110 more. In the profit and loss account, you will notice that income tax for the year 1915 amounted to f.4,572.45 and that there has been set aside as a reserve for contingencies, which includes income tax, the sum of f.30,000. I may say that income tax is not calculated proportionately with the profit, but increases somewhat in the order of geometrical progression.

There is very little in the balance sheet of Limburg Landen which requires comment. A large sum has again been spent for new buildings, but you must have been prepared for this, because I told you last year that they would run into a considerable sum and that it might not be possible to keep within the estimates, owing to the all-around advance in price of materials. The assistants' and mandoer's bungalows were built under instructions from Government and because their old bungalows were not rat-proof.

The sums spent on the two estates for repairs to buildings were much more than was spent last year and no doubt f.34,000 may seem to be a very large sum to spend for repairs to buildings, in addition to f.58,000 for new buildings, but we had no option in the matter. Government gave us until the end of 1916 to make rat-proof all buildings on the estates and we had to do it.

At the same time, Government undertook the work of making similar alterations to the natives' houses in the villages in the district and this had the effect of enhancing very considerably the value of all local building materials and, of course, all imported materials, such as galvanised corrugated iron, were very much dearer as a result of the war. Although expensive, there is no doubt that these alterations to the dwelling-houses of the natives have contributed materially towards the elimination of the plague from that part of Java.

As regards machinery, the expenditure was not so heavy as I anticipated it would be a year ago, but this is more a matter for regret than satisfaction. The hemp press, ordered in the Autumn of 1915, has not yet been shipped, nor are we allowed to know when the authorities will permit the makers to ship it.

It will be apparent to you, I think, that we are losing considerably, in these days of ever-increasing freight rates, through not having this machine, for, although nearly all our sales are made on an ex-godown or an F.O.B. basis, the fact remains that we should benefit materially if our bales occupied less space than they do now. The hemp press bought during the year was a hand machine, a makeshift for the time being and until the hydraulic press arrives.

Instead of installing an oil motor as a reserve power in case of accident to the turbine, as I told you last year, it was decided to lay down a steam power plant and an engine of 150 h.-p. and a boiler of 180 h.-p. were ordered from England last May.

Everything was made ready for their arrival, the foundations were built, the boiler-house erected, a smokestack was ordered locally and the main shaft carrying the driving pulley was replaced by a heavier one.

We are informed that both the engine and boiler are ready for shipment, but a permit to ship them has not yet been obtained. This is very much to be regretted, because the turbine has now been working daily without a stop for 6 years and some of the parts are naturally beginning to show signs of wear.

Income tax for 1915, as you will see in the profit and loss account, amounted to f.9,047.28, or a little less than half the reserve we had provided for it and other contingencies. Instead of debiting it to this reserve, however, it has been charged direct to profit and loss account and the reserve has been left intact and has been increased by f.40,000, making it now f.60,000, which we hope will be more than ample to meet all unforeseen contingencies.

Last year, when addressing you, I told you that the chief manager's house could not be expected to last much longer, as it was then in its 55th year. The earthquake which occurred in September last rendered it quite uninhabitable and a new one is now in course of erection. The other brick buildings, including the assistants' houses, were damaged slightly by the earthquake, but, fortunately, neither the turbine nor the aqueducts suffered in the least and, consequently, work in the factory did not stop.

Speaking generally, the rainfall of 1916 may be said to have been favorable, but it was particularly unfortunate that there was not more rain in the Spring, when it was needed to assist the coffee trees to ripen the fruit with which they were heavily laden. As a result of the meagre rainfall at this critical period, the proportion of red berry to market coffee was 5½ to 1, as against 4½ to 1 in a normal season, which meant a loss of 2,000 piculs of coffee.

The cause of the labor difficulties on Limburg was the setting up in the same district of two large tapioca establishments, which, by creating competition, necessitated an increase of wages.

On the whole, I think the result of the year's working may be regarded as satisfactory. Needless to say, all the gardens have been kept in good condition and, thanks to the increase of wages, it was possible to get the garden work done at the right time. The younger gardens, on both estates, are reported to be doing well and, although, it is a matter for regret that Loengoer Redjo Division was not planted with hevea before the end of the year, which was due to the lateness of the seed harvest, the delay of one month is of no particular concern.

Your directors wish again to record their appreciation of the services rendered by the managers and their staffs throughout a very trying year and I think you will agree that, to harvest 1,135,000 lbs. of rubber, nearly 17,000 piculs of coffee, 7,500 piculs of hemp and 440 piculs of cocoa and to open up and plant 647 acres of new clearings, in the face of serious competition for labor, was an achievement of which we may be proud.

In accordance with the terms of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, your directors concluded that there was need of further working capital and decided, in July last, to issue the remaining unissued shares, namely 37,500, to existing shareholders, at Tls. 10 per share. As you will have seen from the accounts, 33,500 shares were applied for, leaving 4,000 shares unissued and the paid-up capital of the company has thus been increased to £248,000. Of the proceeds of this issue, namely Tls. 335,000, there remains now on fixed deposit the sum of Tls. 250,000 and, to pay the dividend which your directors recommend, it will be necessary to use approximately Tls. 85,000.

During the year under review, however, the Dutch companies have spent on capital account, including the purchase of Loengoer Redjo Division, over f.180,000 and this does not include the f.68,000 which were spent on capital account, but which were charged to working account. By using these Tls. 85,000, therefore, we are simply using the new capital provided to meet a portion of the year's capital expenditure.

There is only one other matter to which I would like to refer before concluding my remarks and that is the income obtained from the Dutch companies by your company. For the year under review, this income amounted to f.1,450,000 and was taken into our accounts at an average rate of exchange of about 185, whereas, for 1915, the income was f.620,000, but the rate of exchange was 140. In other words, although the income in Guilders increased 133 1/3%, the equivalent in Taels increased only 58%.

That concludes my remarks, but, before formally proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

Answering the only question put on the report, the chairman said that the four thousand shares unissued belonged to the company.

The following resolutions were then carried unanimously:

That the directors' report and statement of accounts, as presented, be passed. Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. J. H. McMichael.

That a final dividend of Taels 0.75 per share be declared. Proposed by Mr. J. H. McMichael, seconded by Mr. W. S. Jackson.

That the election of Messrs. H. H. Girardet, C. W. Wrightson and Edward I. Ezra as directors be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. A. Scott, seconded by Mr. J. A. Fredericks.

That Messrs. J. H. McMichael and W. S. Jackson be re-elected directors of the company. Proposed by Mr. J. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Douglas Fleming.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year, at a fee of Taels 150. Proposed by Mr. E. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. W. Mahon.

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American Electrolytic 99 90% Copper f. o. b.	151	0	0
Soft Lead "Spanish" f. o. b.	30	0	0
Quicksilver, Second hand Ex Warehouse f. o. b. (1s Extra in flask)	20	0	0
Tinplates, I. C. W. 20/24 100 lbs. 112 Sheets per Case tin lined Cases without Hoops f. o. b. Wales ..... Nominal.	0	31	0
Muntz Metal, f. o. b. London or Liverpool (less ½%) ..Nominal.		16¾	d.
Standard Tin (Cash)	201	15	0
Spelter (ordy soft) f. o. b.	58	0	0
Galvanized Sheets 24 Gauge f. o. b.	26	5	0
Standard Tin (3 Months) .	201	0	0

LANGKAT DAILY OUTPUT

The following telegraphic information has been received by the general agent from the Sumatra director and manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn-Bosch-en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat:

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Reserve Fund 1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders 1,200,000

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W. B. SUTHERLAND,
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Capital .....Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves .....Frs. 48,000,000.00

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L. ARDAIN,
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Paid-up Capital .....Frs. 30,000,000

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Gouvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
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Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
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New York: National City Bank of New York.

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Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

W. A. HOEHN,
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000

Reserve Funds:—
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s. $15,000,000
Silver 18,500,000
$33,500,000

Reserve liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

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A. G. STEPHEN.
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Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	24,600,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,743,000

Head Office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, RUE Boudreau.
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Bankers:
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Deposits (Dec. 31, 1916)	$1,400,000.00

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Authorised Capital $60,000,000
Paid-up Capital $10,000,000

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Capital Paid-up	„ 30,000,000
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Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Telok-Betong
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B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital. Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital .. Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

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For 12 months at 5% per annum.
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H. C. MARSHALL,
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Authorised Capital	H. $2,000,000
Subscribed and Paid-up Capital	H. $1,357,350
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Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.

Antilochus	Mar. 5
Atsuta Maru	Feb. 13
Carmarthenshire	Jan. 22
City of Corinth	Feb. 20
Hitachi Maru	Feb. 25
Iyo Maru	Mar. 11
Kioto	Jan. 13
Somali**	Jan. 13
Suwa Maru	Jan. 29
Tsuruga Maru	Feb. 13

For Marseilles, etc.

Cordillere	Feb. 21
Gemini	Feb. 8
Porthos	Feb. 3

For Vancouver, etc.

Empress of Asia	Feb. 17
Monteagle	Feb. 13

For New York

Eurymedon	Dec. 23
Toyooka Maru	Feb. 1
Tsushima Maru	Dec. 12

For San Francisco, etc.

Korea Maru	Feb. 16
Siberia Maru	Mar. 1
Tenyo Maru	Mar. 9
Venezuela	Mar. 4

For Seattle

Yokohama Maru	Feb. 19

For Tacoma

Canada Maru	Feb. 7
Justin	Feb. 17
Manila Maru	Mar. 6

**With English Mail.

Shipping Items

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyu left Hankow for Shanghai on Saturday.

The I.-C. s.s. Luenho left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Talee Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.

The C.N. s.s. Yingchow left Hongkong for Shanghai on Sunday.

The C.N. s.s. Shengking left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei on Sunday.

The I.-C. s.s. Kingsing left Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei on Sunday.

The I.-C. s.s. Suiwo left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Luenyi left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Chenan will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Shuntien will leave Tientsin for Shanghai via Chefoo and Weihaiwei today.

The I.-C. s.s. Choysang left Hongkong for Shanghai on Sunday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Ngankin will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The I.-C. s.s. Kutwo will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.M. s.s. Kianghsin will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Yohyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The H.O. s.s. Tehhsing left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.M. s.s. Hsinkong left Tientsin for Shanghai on Saturday.

The C.M. s.s. Hsinchi left Tientsin for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.M. s.s. Kwangchi left Wenchow for Shanghai yesterday.

Passengers Arrived

Per C.M. s.s. Hsinming from Tientsin:—Mr. Pownel.

Per C.N. s.s. Hsin Peking from Ningpo:—Miss Wadman.

Per I.-C. s.s. Loongwo from Hankow:—Mrs. Pilla, Mrs. Trouilled and 2 children, Mrs. Miffret, Mr. D. D. Trunlschold and Mr. E. M. Zemic.

Per N.S. s.s. Ningshao from Hankow:—Mr. Chin and Mr. A. C. Connil.

Per C.N. s.s. Tungting from Hankow:—Miss Brunner, Mrs. Lawson, Dr. Wakefield, Mr. W. H. Bradley, Mr. F. S. Blanchard, Dr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Per C.N. s.s. Shantung from Hongkong:—Messrs. M. Feldman, Ray, and E. Samson, Mrs. Ramsay and child, Mrs. and Master Manthey.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Tamba Maru from Hongkong:—Messrs. E. Harrison, G. Melrose, S. Levy, Mrs. L. Harrison, Mrs. G. Melrose and Miss R. Harada.

Per I.-C. s.s. Koonshing from Tientsin:—Messrs. N. F. Balewon, N. G. Anderson, A. Morrison, Mrs. R. Bate, Mrs. and Miss Swin, Miss and Master Walston.

Per S.M.R. s.s. Sakaki Maru from Dalny:—Dr. and Mrs. W. W. H. Chun, Mr. and Mrs. K. Hayashide and family, Mrs. I. Larkins, Capt. W. Sinclair, Messrs. Lehmann, F. D. Drake, H. C. Frederiksen, L. Lorentzen, J. Landberg, P. H. Pufter, C. H. Tuck, P. G. B. Pettersen, J. H. Jahnsen, J. O. Pedersen, W. S. Bachmitsoff, N. N. Bobirew, W. S. Dobrinin, S. Kubo, Capt. H. Pettersen, Miss A. Elenband and Miss S. Simopood.

Launch Services

TODAY

The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Sakaki Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 12.30 p.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the N.Y.K. s.s. Tamba Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 10.30 a.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the P.M. s.s. Ecuador will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

TOMORROW

The launch conveying passengers to the N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave the Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m.

Siccawei Weather Report

11.—The depression slowly proceeds in the valley of the Hwang-ho. A secondary center appears to develop in Szechuen. Mist and intermittent showers at Shanghai. The monsoon is apparently interrupted in the China Sea.

12.—Overcast weather with mist. The wind shifts again to the E. The pressure is rising, but with difficulty.

Monday, March 12, 1917.

WEATHER.	4 a.m.	9 a.m
Bar. at Centg., mm	757.94	760.88
„ „ inches	29.84	29 96
Variation mm. for 24 h	†4.47	-0.49
Variation mm. for 12 h	†0.27	†2 41
Wind Direction	NW	WNW
Wind Kilom per hour	22	30
Wind Miles	1.37	4 86
Temperature Cen	7.92	7.95
Temperature Fahr.	4.59	4.55
Humidity: 00	96	89
Redu. sity 5-10	10	10
Rainfall mm.	1.5	0.1
Rainfall inches	0.06	0.00

Provision Prices in Local Markets

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkew market, as compiled on March 6, 1917.

Butcher's Meat		
Beef	per lb.	14-20
Mutton	„	16-20
Pork	„	25-30
Veal	„	25-30
Fish		
Bream	per lb.	14-16
Cod	„	14-16
Mandarin	„	20-30
Mackerel	„	16-20
Pomfret	„	20-30
Salmon	„	16-20
Samli	„	none
Soles	„	14-16
Whitebait	„	16-20
Game, Poultry and Eggs		
Deer	each	none
Duck	„	60-90
Eggs	per doz.	15-18
Fowl	per lb.	18-20
Geese	each	80-1.00
Hare	„	none
Partridge	„	none
Pheasant	„	none
Pigeons	„	25-30
Plover	„	none
Quail	„	18-20
Snipe	„	14-16
Turkey	per lb.	40-45
Teal	each	12-14
Wild Duck	„	30-35
Wild Geese	„	35-40
Woodcock	„	40-50
Wild Pigeon	„	10-12
Fruit		
Apples	per lb.	12-20
Apricots	„	none
Bananas	„	5-6
Cherries	„	none
Cocoanuts	each	15-20
Chestnuts	per lb.	10-12
Figs	per doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	none
Lemons	each	6-7
Lichees	per lb.	none
Mangoes	each	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Melons	each	none
Oranges	per lb.	7-10
Peaches	„	none
Persimmons	„	none
Pineapples	each	none
Peeboes	per lb.	none
Plums	„	none
Pumeloes	each	10-15
Pears	per lb.	10-15
Strawberries	„	none
Walnuts	„	10-12
Vegetables		
Artichokes	per lb.	2-3
Asparagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	18-20
Broad Beans	„	6-8
Beetroot	per bunch	2-3
Cabbage	each	6-8
Celery	per bunch	8-10
Carrots	„	2-3
Cauliflower	each	10-15
Egg Plant	per lb.	10-12
French Beans	„	25-30
Green Corn	each	none
Leeks	per bunch	2-3
Mushrooms	per lb.	none
Onions	per lb.	6-8
Peas	„	8-10
Potatoes	per pic.	$2.60-3.00
Parsnips	per lb.	5-6
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Spinach	per lb.	3-4
Tomatoes	„	10-12
Turnips	per bunch	2-3
Grain and Flour		
Flour, American	per 50 lb.	$4.50
Flour, Shanghai	per 50 lb.	$2.50
Rice	per 200 lb.	$6.80
Milk		
Foreign dairies	per bottles	20
Chinese dairies	„	17
Fodder		
Barley	per 114 lbs.	$2.60
Bran	„	$1.95
Fuel		
House Coal	per ton	Tls. 13.00
Stove Coal	„	Tls. 17.40
Firewod	per 50 bundles	$1.00

E. KILNER,
Chief Inspector.

Amusements

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TONIGHT
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SHOWING
"THE KING
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Two Parts

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GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Mar 13	11.30*	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 17	12.30	Vancouver B.C	Empress of Russia	Br.	C.P.O.S.
.. 19		New York via Panama	Tokiwa maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 27	5.00	San Francisco	Nippon maru	Jap.	A.T.Co.
.. 31	..	Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Japan	Br.	C.P.O.S.
.. 31	..	San Francisco	Ecuador	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co
Apr 2	6.30*	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 5		San Francisco	Shinyo maru	Jap.	A.T.Co.
.. 14	..	Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Asia	Br.	C.P.O.S.
.. 18	..	San Francisco	China	Am.	C.M.S.S.Co.
.. 19	..	San Francisco	Persia maru	Jap.	A.T.Co.
.. 26	..	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Mar 13	11.30*	Kobe & Yokohama	Tamba maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 13	5.00*	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Yamashiro maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 15	2.00	Kobe & Osaka	Kasuga maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 16	3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rus.	R.V.F
.. 17	..	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Omi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 17	12.30	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Empress of Russia	Br.	C.P.O.S.
.. 19	5.30*	Kobe & Yokohama	Fushimi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 20	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Nilgata maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 22	..	Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 24	..	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikugo maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 27	5.00	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nippon maru	Jap.	A.T.Co.
.. 31	..	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Empress of Japan	Br.	C.P.O.S.
.. 31	..	Kobe and Yokohama	Ecuador	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Mar 28	11.00*	London etc.	Miyazaki maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Apr 1	5.30*	London etc.	Kitano maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 15	..	London etc.	Fushimi maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Mar 13	A.M.	Foochow	Haean	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
.. 13	3.30	Ningpo	Kiangteen	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
.. 13	..	Hongkong	Mexico maru	Jap.	A.T.Co.
.. 13	D.L.	Hongkong and Canton	Sunning	Br.	B. & S.
.. 14	A.M.	Hongkong & Canton	Kwanglee	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
.. 13	3.00	Manila & Hongkong	Ecuador	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co.
.. 14	4.00	Amoy	Hsin Peking	Br.	B & S
.. 14	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N.S.S. Co.
.. 15	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	Br.	B. & S.
.. 16	D.L.	Swatow	Hoihow	Br.	B. & S.
.. 17	6.30*	Hongkong	Shidzuoka maru	Jap.	N.Y.K.
.. 18	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B. & S.
.. 20	D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Unenan	Br.	B. & S.
.. 21	D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Sinkiang	Br.	B. & S.
.. 23	D.L.	Swatow	Tamsui	Br.	B. & S.
.. 31	..	Hongkong via Manila	Empress of Asia	Br.	C.P.O.S.
Apr 7	..	Hongkong	China	Am	C.M.S.S.Co
.. 7	..	Manila & Hongkong	Colombia	Am.	P.M.S.S.Co.
.. 10	..	Hongkong	Monteagle	Br.	C.P.O.S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Mar 13	A.M.	Tientsin direct	Hsinfung	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
.. 13	1.30	Dairy	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
.. 14	A.M.	Tientsin direct	Toonan	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
.. 14	noon	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tsin	Kaigan	Br.	B. & S.
.. 15	D.L.	Tientsin	Fengtien	Br.	B. & S.
.. 15	10.00*	Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tsin	Kobe maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
.. 15	3.00	Tsingtao and Dairy	Pena	Rus.	R.V.F.
.. 16	8.00	Vladivostock	Ono maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
.. 17	noon	Tsingtao	Tencho maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
.. 18	9.00*	Tsingtao			

FOR RIVER PORTS

Mar 13	M.N	Hankow etc.	Loongwo	Br.	J.M. & Co.
.. 13	M.N	do	Tungting	Br	B. & S.
.. 13	M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
.. 13	D.L.	Hankow and Swatow	Wenchow	Br.	B. & S.
.. 14	M.N	Hankow etc.	Kiangyung	Chi	C.M.S.N.Co
.. 14	M.N.	do	Poyang	Br.	B. & S.
.. 14	M.N.	do	Ningshao	Chi.	N. S. Co.
.. 15	M.N.	do	Luenno	Br.	J. M. & Co.
.. 15	M.N.	do	Kiangyu	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
.. 16	M.N.	do	Luenyi	Br	B. & S
.. 16	M.N.	do	Suiwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
.. 17	M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br.	B. & S.
.. 20	M.N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B. & S.
.. 21	M.N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B. & S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnght. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Mar 11	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B. & S.	CNCW
.. 11	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N.S.N. Co.	NSCW
.. 12	Dairy	Sakaki maru	1346	Jap.	S. M. R.	SMRW
.. 12	Tientsin	Koonshing	3233	Br.	J M. & Co.	SHW
.. 12	Hankow	Nanyang maru	968	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
.. 12	Hankow	Ningshao	1920	Chi.	N.S. Co.	NSW
.. 12	Hankow	Poyang	1892	Br.	B. & S.	CNW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Mar 11	Tientsin	Anping	1159	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
.. 11	Swatow, H'kong and Canton	Wingsang	1217	Br.	J. M. & Co.
.. 11	Chefoo & Dairy	Kwangse	1228	Br.	B. & S.
.. 11	Wuhu	Yochow	1306	Br.	B. & S.
.. 11	Chefoo & Tientsin	Feiching	994	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
.. 11	Hongkong & Canton	Anhui	1355	Br.	B. & S
.. 11	Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Esang	1127	Br.	J. M. & Co.
.. 11	London etc	Iyo maru	3691	Jap.	N. Y. K.
.. 11	Miike	Rokkosan maru	1343	Jap.	M. B. K.
.. 11	Hankow etc.	Kiangsin	2101	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
.. 11	Hongkong & Canton	Shaohsing		Br.	B. & S.
.. 11	Ningpo	Hsin Peking	2868	Br.	B & S
.. 12	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	2151	Chi.	N. S.N.Co.

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Men	Commander
B4B	Jan. 30	Cruise	Cincinnati	Am cru.	3213	10	314	Fewel
8P	Nov 8	Cruise	Monocacy	Am g-b.	190	2	47	Carter
7P	Feb. 11	Cruise	Quiros	Am g-b	350			Loftin
7P	Feb 11	Cruise	Samar	Am g-b.	243	6	28	King
8P	Feb. 12	Cruise	Villalobos	Am g-b.				Clarke
P&OB	Mar. 5	Cruise	Wilmington	Am g-b.	1392	8	159	Chadwick

The French gunboats D. de Lagree and Decidee, the Japanese gunboats Fushimi, Sumida and Toba, and the British gunboat Woodlark are not included in this list, being dismantled.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Tungting, Capt. Torrible, will leave from the French Bund on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s s.s. Loongwo, 3,925 tons, Captain Findeison, will leave on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., General Managers. Tel. No. 240.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Nanyang Maru, Captain S. Hosokawa, will be despatched from N.Y.K. Wharf on Tuesday, March 13 at about 12 o'clock midnight. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Poyang, Captain Garnaghan, will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kiangyung, Capt. Wm. McIlwain, will leave on Wednesday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Tachi Maru, Captain Y. Matsumoto, will be despatched from the Pootung N.K.K. Wharf on Wednesday, March 14 at about 12 o'clock midnight. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

For Southern Ports

FOOCHOW.—The Str. Haean, Capt. F. H. Wallace, will leave on Tuesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The Str. Kwanglee, Capt. A. P. Sangster, will leave on Tuesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

NINGPO.—The Str. Kiangteen, Capt. J. Glen, will leave on Tuesday, afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Sunning, Captain W. L. Jones will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

MANILA and HONGKONG.—The Pacific Mail S.S. Co., s.s. Ecuador, Capt. A. W. Nelson, will be despatched for above ports from Woosung on Tuesday, March 13. Tender will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m. For further information apply to B.C. Haile, Special Representative, 1-B. Nanking Road.

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Hsin Peking, Captain A. Stott R.N.R. will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Shantung, Captain Meathrel, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, the 15th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

SWATOW.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Hoihow, Capt. R. Ritchie, will leave on Friday, the 16th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

For Northern Ports

TIENTSIN DIRECT.—The Str. Hsinfung, Capt. Hamblin, will leave on Tuesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

TIENTSIN DIRECT.—The Str. Toonan, Capt. C. Taylor, will leave on Wednesday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Kaigan, Capt. H. E. Laver, will leave on Thursday, the 15th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.—The China Navigation Co's s.s. Fengtien, Captain Harris, will leave from the French Bund on Thursday, the 15th inst., at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

For Japan

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—The s.s. Nippon Maru 11,000 tons on Tuesday, March 27. The tender conveying passengers and mails will leave the Customs jetty at 5 p.m. For Freight or passage apply to The American Trading Company.

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Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albenga	3769	Ger.	Carlowitz	YWGW
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia	4282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B VII
Aug 5	Hongkong	China	3468	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B XIII
Mar 11	Hankow	Changon	1289	Br.	Geddes & Co.	NSCW
Aug 8	Hongkong	D. Rickmers	2651	Ger.	H. D. & Co	USA
Mar 7	Japan	Eurymachus	3214	Br.	B. & S	HWYK
Dec 27	Nanking	Fortuna	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	10 p
Jan 12	Hongkong	Glenturret	4696	Br.	Glen Line	YTFDW
Mar 10	Tientsin	Hsinfung	1290	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co	KLYW
Mar 10	Foochow	Haean	1839	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Mar 11	Tientsin	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co	TKDW
Mar 10	Hongkong	Irene	988	Chi.	C.M. S. N. Co.	KLYW
Mar 10	Chinwangtao	Jinju maru	1746	Jap.	K.M.A.	KMAW
Mar 10	Hongkong	Kwanglee	1968	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Mar 11	Hankow	Loongwo	2386	Br.	J.M. & Co.	HW
July 16	Hankow	Meidah	1682	Ger.	Melchers	NGLBJ
July 30	Hankow	Melles	1682	Ger.	Melchers	NGLBJ
Mar 10	Hankow	Meifoo	406	Am.	S. Oil Co	SOCW
Mar 11	Hankow	Meian	2241	Am.	S. Oil Co.	SOCW
Mar 7	Japan	Namur	6694	Br.	B. & S.	SHW
Mar 8	Japan	Nagasaki maru	1478	Jap.	M. B. K.	TKDW
Feb 25	Cruise	Pacific	727	Dan.	G. N. T. Co	8 p
July 30	Tsingtao	Silkiang	1940	Ger.	H. A. L.	9 p
July 30	Hongkong	Silvia	3319	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B IX
Mar 10	Hongkong	Sunning	1570	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
Mar 11	Hongkong	Shantung	2807	Br.	B. & S	WTW
Mar 10	Swatow	Tungwah	746	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	CYVW
Mar 9	Harkow	Tafoo maru	1786	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW
Mar 11	Hongkong	Tamba maru	5358	Jap.	N.Y.K.	
Mar 11	Hankow	Tungting	2086	Br.	B. & S	CNCW
Mar 11	Hankow	Tachi maru	1878	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDUW
Mar 11	Foochow	Toonan	842	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co	YKDW
Mar 8	Japan	Unkai maru	1478	Jap.	M. B. K.	MBKW
Mar 7	Moji	Upolu	700	Br.	N. S. Co.	YTPDW
Mar 7	Hankow	Yobyang maru	1917	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
Mar 10	Japan	Yamashiro maru	2236	Jap.	N.Y.K.	NYKW

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CHIKUGO MARU	5,500	Capt. Y. Yui,	Mar. 24
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YAMASHIRO MARU ..	7,000	Capt. K. Sudzuki,	Mar. 31

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September 1st, 1916, and until further notice

Mail 101 B. s.	Mail 3. B. s.	Luxe 1. B. S.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2. B. S.	Mail 4. B.	Mail 102. B. s.
2085	835	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2230	1950	1020
2345	1112	635	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1935	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1930	1658	710
000	1125	650	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2310	524	arr. Mukden dep.	2301	. .	1040

Local 5.	Mail 3. B. s.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4. B. s.	Local 6.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1950
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	—	1655	1941
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1631	1911
1133	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1508
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	—	1048	1158
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	845
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1812
1089	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1542
1300	038	—	318	arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—		dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1256
1556	316	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	—	120	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2338	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	833	—	523	arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1442
1206	840	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1432
1557	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	728

Express 16. B. S.	Express 10. B.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1. B.	Express 15. B. S.
. .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1410	. .
2300	1429	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	650
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line					Linchang-Tsochuang Branch Line				
930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530	1110	1800	d. Lincheng a.	810	1410	2100
1033	1455	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	528	1125	1858	628	1219	1903	a. Tsochuang d.	702	1302	1932

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STATIONS.	Express R	Local	Slow R	Coolie Goods	Fast R	Local	N S G Local	Night Express R.S.	N S G Local
SHANGHAI NORTH ..dep.	7.55		8.20	9.00	12.50	15.20	8.40	23.00	17.15
Nansiang..			8.56	9.48	13.21	15.55	9.15	—	17.50
Kunshan			9.55	11.04	14.07	16.51		—	
SOOCHOW arr.	9.34		10.52	12.03	14.70	17.83		1.01	
SOOCHOW dep.	9.41		11.02	12.13	14.57	18 13		1.08	
WUSIH .. arr.	10.24		12.11	13.34	15.45	19.33		2.03	
WUSIH .. dep.	1 31		12.21	13.43	15.52	19.41		2.10	
CHANGCHOW arr.	11.18		13.30	14.51	16.38	20.45		3.00	
CHANGCHOW dep.	11.22	6.00	13.42	15.01	16.47			3.10	
TANYANG .. arr.	12.07	8.00	14.57	16.10	17.41			—	
TANYANG .. dep.	12.09	8.03	14.59	16.14	17.43			—	
CHINKIANG arr.	12.43	8.53	15.49	17.08	18.22			4.56	
CHINKIANG dep.	12.52	8.59	15.57	17.18	18.32			5.06	
Nanking Ferry .. arr.	*14.10	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	
NANKING	14.15.	10.55	17.50	19.25	20.05			6.50	..

STATIONS.	Local	Slow R	Coolie Goods	Fast R	Express R	Local	N S G Local	Night Express R.S.	N S G Local
NANKING .. ..dep.		7.00	7.30	11.15	14.20	15.55		22.00	
Nanking Ferry ..dep.		—	—	—	*14.20	—		—	
CHINKIANG.. arr.		8.57	9.42	12.59	15.51	18.05		0.46	
CHINKIANG.. dep.		9.05	9.52	12.59	16.01	18.25		1.00	
TANYANG .. arr.		9.55	10.43	13.38	16.36	19.16		—	
TANYANG .. dep.		9.57	10.53	13.40	16.38	19.19		—	
CHANGCHOW arr.		11.04	12.11	14.42	17 26	20.30		2.53	
CHANGCHOW dep.	6.20	11.14	12.23	14.52	17.36			3.06	
WUSIH .. arr.	7.24	12.14	13.36	15.43	18.24			4.01	
WUSIH .. dep.	7.31	12.22	13.46	15.53	18.31			4.11	
SOOCHOW .. arr.	8.40	13.35	14.55	16.47	19.21			5.04	
SOOCHOW .. dep.	8.46	13.50	15.08	16.55	19.28			5.12	
Kunshan	9.54	14.57	16.14	17.41	—			—	
Nansiang..	10.53	15.57	17.19	18.26	—		9.40	6.33	
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	11.26	16.30	17.55	18.55	21.30		10.15	7.00	

Up — Tientsin-Pukow Line Connections — Down

			Daily Mail				Daily Mail
S.A.R.	SHANGHAI NORTH	dep.	R. 7.55	P.K.R.	PEKING	dep.	8.35
	NANKING FERRY	arr.	14.10		TIENTSIN CENTRAL	arr.	11.10
T.P.R.	PUKOW	dep.	S. 15.30	T.P.R.	TIENTSIN CENTRAL	dep.	S. 12.00
	TSINANFU	arr. / dep.	7.56 / 8.06		TSINANFU	arr. / dep.	20.21 / 20.31
	TIENTSIN CENTRAL	arr.	18.13		PUKOW	arr.	13.00
P.K.R.	TIENTSIN CENTRAL	dep.	17.00	S.N.R.	NANKING FERRY	dep.	R. 14.30
	PEKING	arr.	19.50		SHANGHAI NORTH	arr.	21.20

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Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (Branch Line) **Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down**

WOOSUNG FORTS .....dep.	6.55	8.15	10.45	13.10	14.40	16.20	18.10	*0.45	SHANGHAI NORTH ....dep.	8.15	7.35	10.05	12.15	14.00	15.30	17.25	20.00
KIANGWAN	7.22	8.42	11.12	13.37	15.07	16.47	18.37	21.12	KIANGWAN	8.34	7.46	10.16	12.34	14.11	15.41	17.36	20.11
SHANGHAI NORTH ..... arr.	7.30	8.50	11.20	13.45	15.15	16.55	18.45	21.20	WOOSUNG FORTS .....arr.	8.50	8.10	10.40	12.50	14.35	16.05	18.00	20.35

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE IN FORCE FROM FEBRUARY 20th, 1917

MAIN LINE.

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAH KOU—"DOWN"

STATIONS	102 Local	104 Fast	106 Slow	108 Coolie & Goods	E Local	110 Express	112 Local	H Local	I Local
Shanghai North..... dep.		7.40	8.55	10.05		14.05			
Jessfield ..... dep.		8.01	9.16	10.26		14.25			
Siccawei ..... dep.		8.10	9.25	10.35		14.34			
Lunghwa Junction..... dep.		8.28	9.43	11.00		14.52			
		A. 104	B. 106	C. 108	E.	F. 110	G. 112	H	I
Shanghai South.....dep.		*8.00*	*9.20*	*10.30*	*13.35*	*14.30*	*16.10*	*16.45*	*18.00*
Lunghua Junction.....dep.		*8.28*	*9.48*	*11.00*	*13.53*	*14.52*	*16 29*	*17.03*	*18.18*
Songkiang ..... arr.		9.09	10.47	12.00		15.26	17.37		
Songkiang ..... dep.		9.13	10.55	12.10		15 28	17.47		
Kashai ..... dep.		10.03	11 58	13 33		16.15	18.57		
Kashing ..... arr.		10 25	12 26	14.06		16 36	19.30		
Kashing ..... dep.	7.20	10.35	12 36	14.16		16 46			
Yeh Zah ..... dep.	8.08	11 14	13.20	15.15		17.21			
Chang An ..... dep.	9.00	11.49	14.04	16.10		17 55			
Hangchow ..... arr.	10.26	12 43	15.16	17.37		18 42			
Hangchow ..... dep.	10.38	12 53	15.26	17.47		18.54			
Zah Kou ..... arr.	11.00	13.09	15.45	18.15		19.10			

ZAH KOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	O Local	P Local	101 Local	103 Fast	105 Slow	U Local	107 Coolie and Goods	109 Express	111 Local
Zah Kou..... dep.				6 45	8.10		8 55	14 15	16.00
Hangchow..... arr.				7 05	8 30		9 23	14.30	16.24
Hangchow..... dep.				7..5	8 40		9 33	4 40	16.35
Chang An..... dep.				8 1.	9 56		11.03	15 26	17.57
Yeh Zah..... dep.				8 52	10 40		12 3.	5.57	18.50
Kashing ..... arr.				9 30	11.22		13 3.	6.28	19.46
Kashing ..... dep.			7.25	9 40	11.30		14.07	16 38	
Kashai..... dep.			8 0.	10.05	12.00		14 47	17.01	
Songkiang ..... arr.			9.08	10 51	12 59		16 03	17.46	
Songkiang ..... dep			9 18	10 57	13 03		16.13	17.49	

	O	P	Q. 101	S. 103	T. 105	U	V. 107	W. 109
Lunghua Junction.....dep.	*8.35*	*9.55*	*10.37*	*11.48*	*14.05*	*14.55*	*17.22*	*18.33*
Shanghai South.....arr.	*8.53*	*10.13*	*10.55*	*12.05*	*14.23*	*15.13*	*17.40*	*18 50*
Lungh a Junction..... dep.				11.44	14.07		17 22	18.32
Siccawei..... dep.				11.58	14.17		17 32	18 42
Jessfield ..... dep.				12.01	14 26		17 41	18 51
Shanghai North ... . arr.				12 20	14.45		18.00	19.10

KIANGSU BRANCH LINE

KON ZEN CHIAO TO ZAH KOU **ZAH KOU TO KON ZEN CHIAO**

STATIONS	122	124	126	128	130	132
Kon Zen Chiao.. dep.	7.05	8.30	11.05	14.05	16.05	18.15
Ken Shang Mun. arr.	7.18	8.43	11.18	14.18	16.18	18.28
Ken Shang Mun. dep.	7.25	8.50	11.20	14.21	16.20	18.29
Hangchow..... arr.	7 35	9.00	11.30	14.31	16.30	18.37
Hangchow..... dep.		9.05	11.35		16.37	
Zah Kou..... arr.		9.25	11.55		17.00	

STATIONS	121	123	125	127	129	131
Zah Kou..... dep		9.40	12.20		17.15	
Hangchow..... arr.		10.00	12.40		17.35	
Hangchow..... dep	7.45	10.05	12 50	14.55	17.40	18 50
Ken Shang Mun. arr.	7.55	10.15	13.00	15.05	17.50	19.00
Ken Shang Mun. dep.	8.00	10.23	13.05	15.10	17.52	19.02
Kon Zen Chiao.. arr.	8.13	10.35	13.18	15.23	18.05	19.15

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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Central Stores, Limited

NOTICE

THE twenty-second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1917, at 4.30 p.m., when the report and accounts for the 12 months ended 31st December, 1916, will be presented.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th March to 27th March, 1917, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
E. BURROWS,
Secretary.

Central Stores, Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Central Stores, Limited, will be held at the Astor House Hotel on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1917, at the termination of the ordinary general meeting, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

1. "THAT the name of the Company be changed to 'THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED'."
2. "THAT the new articles submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification initialed by the Chairman thereof be and they are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing articles thereof."

Should the Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twelfth day of March, 1917.

By order of the Board,
E. BURROWS,
Secretary.

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Company Jurisdiction.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been presented to His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China at Shanghai for confirming a resolution of the above Company for reducing its capital from Taels 100,000 to Taels 50,000. A list of the persons admitted to have been creditors of the Company on the 24th day of February, 1917, may be inspected at the offices of Messrs. Hanson, McNeill, Jones & Wright, 24 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, at any time during usual business hours. Any person who claims to have been on the last-mentioned day and still to be a creditor of the Company, and who is not entered on the said list and claims to be so entered, must on or before the 20th day of March, 1917, send in his name and address, and the particulars of his claim, and the name and address of his solicitor (if any) to the undersigned at 24 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, or in default thereof he will be precluded from objecting to the proposed reduction of capital.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1917.

Hanson, McNeill, Jones & Wright
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NOTICE

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2426

THE following Resolutions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 21, 1917, at 2 o'clock p.m., and are published for general information:—

Resolutions I, II and III.—Formal business and adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1916, be passed.

Resolution V.—That the estimated expenditure for 1917, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 1,000,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable on June 30, 1922, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VI.—That the Council be hereby authorized to raise upon the lines specified in Resolution V a loan not exceeding Tls. 600,000 for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution VII.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution VIII.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Resolution IX.—Election of two members of the Permanent Education Committee.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions VII, VIII and IX are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 14 for due publication.

By Order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 8, 1917.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2429

THE Special Meeting of Ratepayers which stood adjourned on March 21, 1916, will re-assemble in the Town Hall on March 21, 1917, at 2.15 p.m., when the following Resolution will be proposed:—

Resolution.—That the report of the Traffic and Licensing Bye-laws Committee, appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Amendment to Resolution III passed on March 21, 1916, be received and adopted and that the Bye-laws therein recommended for adoption be passed and approved in substitution for the Bye-laws Nos. XXXIII to XXXVII inclusive and XLII attached to the Land Regulations which are hereby repealed.

Proposed by E. S. LITTLE,
Seconded by W. McMURRAY,
By Order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Assistant Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1917.

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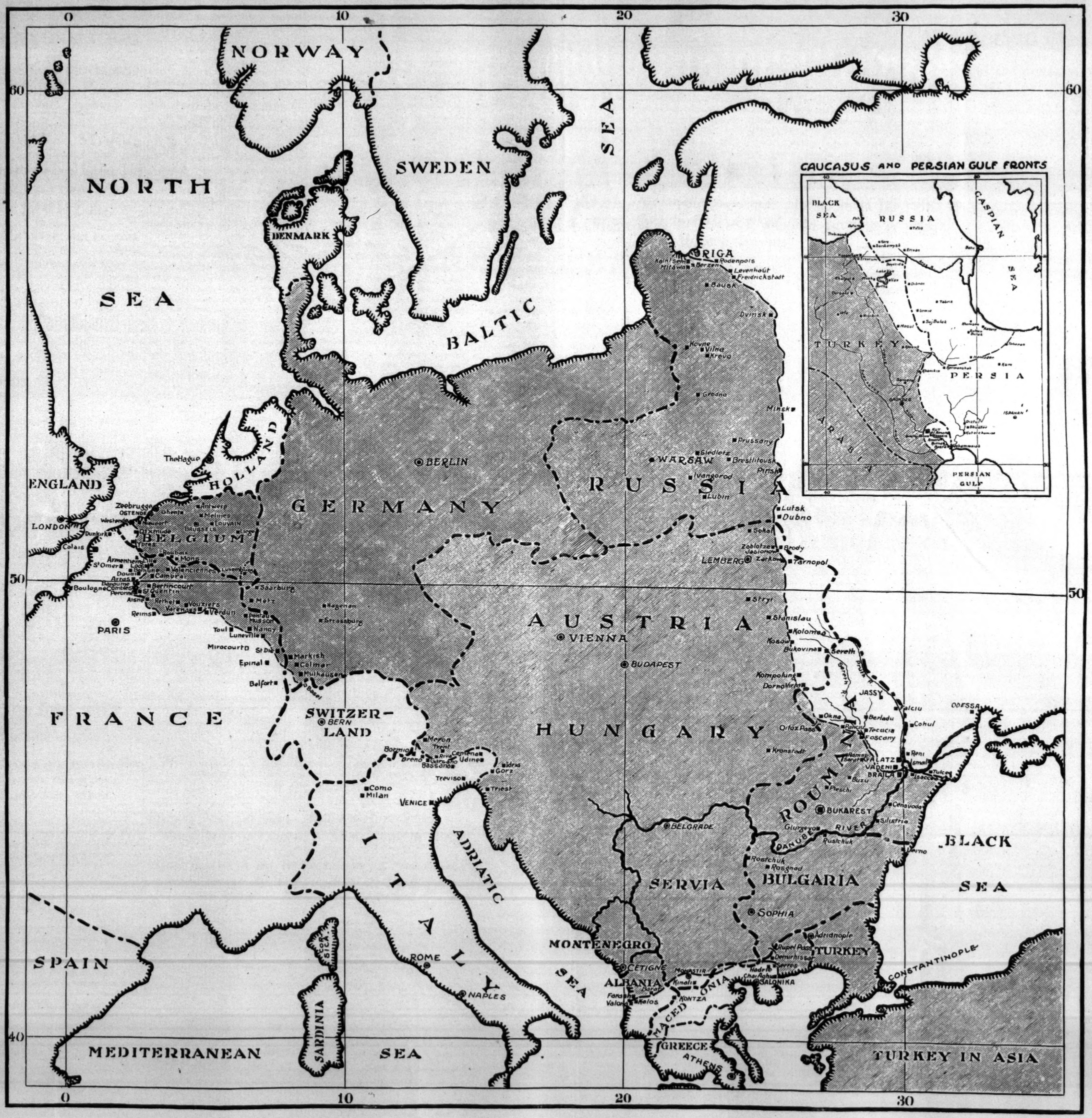

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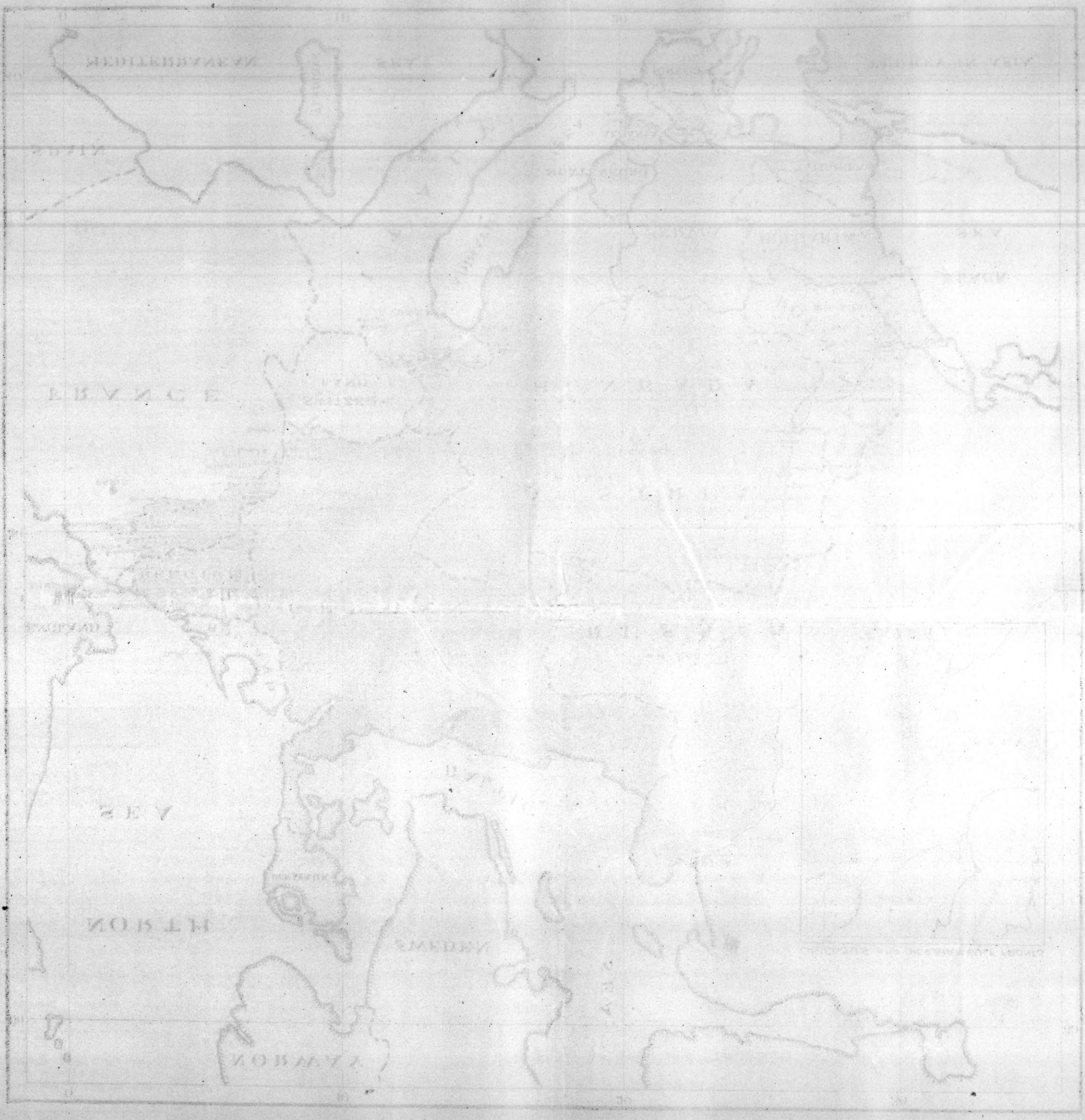

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